

# Mallala Primary School



## From the Principal

It has been a wonderful start to 2016. I have been very impressed by the professionalism of our staff and the enthusiasm that our students have shown as they have quickly adjusted to school routines, new teachers and new learning. Our classes and our teachers are:

Room 1, Year 5/6 – Carlyne Bird/Trudy Brown  
 Room 2, Year 6/7 – Mel Barnes  
 Room 3, Year 1/2 - Michelle Cavallaro  
 Room 4, Year 3 – Cheryl Burr  
 Room 5, Year 3/4 - Leah Tynan  
 Room 6, Year 2 – Jenny Pearson/Trudy Brown  
 Room 7, Year R/1 – Sadie Sandery/Mandy Tiller  
 Preschool – Melissa Sinkinson  
 Arts – Stephanie Radowicz  
 Korean – Rebecca Lee  
 For our new families, our

leadership team is comprised of:

Alec Tibbitts – Principal  
 Helen Lindstrom - Counsellor  
 Luke Shepley – Coordinator Teaching and Learning  
 Our SSOs are:  
 Leeanne Kroepsch – Admin/Finance  
 Anthea Ailmore – Admin/Class Support  
 Stephanie Helps - Admin/Class Support  
 Tina Anson - Admin/Class Support/Library  
 Peta Lovell – Preschool/Admin/Class Support/Playgroup/Library  
 Rebekah Walker - Preschool/Admin/Class Support/Occasional Care

Should you have any questions regarding your child during the year, please make an appointment with your child’s teacher in the first instance. If the matter cannot be resolved, please contact the office to make an appointment with one

of the leadership team. This year, all teachers are implementing Jolly Phonics or Jolly Grammar in the classroom. This is a programme that has been proved to be highly effective in developing sound reading skills and while you may have noticed some changes, I can assure you that we are convinced that this will lead to very positive outcomes for our students. If you wish to know more about the Jolly Phonics or Jolly Grammar programme, please feel free to talk to your child’s teacher.

All staff are totally committed to caring for and educating your children throughout the year. I hope that you enjoy sharing the learning journey with your children in 2016.

Alec Tibbitts

## Absences

We have a legal obligation to follow up unexplained absences so please help us by using one of the methods below:

- Phone call (8527 2240)
- A note in your child’s diary or a letter before planned absences
- Text message (0417

041286)

- Skoolbag App (download is free—search for Skoolbag Mallala) Please note through this app you will also receive newsletters straight to your phone or device
- In person

In the event we do not receive notification of a child’s absence, a green note will be sent requesting an explanation. Teachers will also call if the number of days absent is 3 in a row or slips are not returned.

Thank you for supporting us to meet our obligations.

## Diary Dates

### Tuesday 16th February

Governing Council Meeting  
7pm

### Monday 14th March

Public Holiday  
Adelaide Cup

### Friday 25th March

Public Holiday  
Good Friday

### Monday 28th March

Public Holiday  
Easter Monday

### Week of Monday 4th April

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## Jolly Phonics

### Assembly Awards

Safin Clark

Elijah Daniel

Piper Kennison

Anika Molloy

Jenna Baker

Jake Humphrys

Lucy Speyer

Kurt Taylor

Dahli Jacobson

Sebastien Hughes

### Lunches

Lunch orders are available through the school each weekday except Tuesday. These lunches are prepared by M and G's and delivered to the school. Lunch monitors collect the orders from the front office each day.

If you require a new menu, please contact the front office.

To order, please write your child's name, room number and order on the

outside of an envelope or a piece of paper will suffice if needed. Place the money inside the envelope or stick it to the piece of paper. Please try to have the correct change or as close as you can as we would prefer students did not have large amounts of money to keep safe at school.

If a child's order is missing, we will do our best to arrange for the order to be

filled. Sometimes some items are not available and a replacement may be supplied.

Remind your child that if they have an issue with their lunch to come to the office. We will never let a child go without food.

#### What is Jolly Phonics?

Jolly Phonics is a fun and child centred approach to teaching literacy through synthetic phonics. With actions for each of the 42 letter sounds, the multi-sensory method is very motivating for children and teachers, who can see their students achieve.

#### Letter Sound Order

The sounds are taught in a specific order (not alphabetically). This enables children to begin building words as early as possible.

#### How does Jolly Phonics work?

Using a synthetic phonics approach, Jolly Phonics teaches children the five key skills for reading and writing. The programme continues through school enabling the teaching of essential grammar, spelling and punctuation skills.

#### The five skills taught in Jolly Phonics

##### 1.Learning the letter sounds

Children are taught the 42 main letter sounds. This includes alphabet sounds as well as digraphs such as sh, th, ai and ue.

##### 2.Learning letter formation

Using different multi-sensory methods, children learn how to form and write the letters.

##### 3.Blending

Children are taught how to blend the sounds together to read and write new words.

##### 4.Identifying the sounds in words (Segmenting)

Listening for the sounds in words gives children the best start for improving spelling.

##### 5.Tricky words

Tricky words have irregular spellings and children learn these separately.

From <http://jollylearning.co.uk/overview-about-jolly-phonics/>

## Play Based Learning Program



We have had a very positive start to the Junior Primary play based learning program. Students have been engaged with a variety of enjoyable and educational activities focused around Jolly Phonics Sounds; constructing a "N" noisy aero plane, making "H" Hermit Crabs and painting "E" Eddie Elephants. There is also a focus on students and social skills; learning to share and co-operate with each other using the blocks, home corner and play dough. Well Done!

Miss Cavallaro, Mrs Sandery, Mrs Tiller and Students

Respect, Excellence, Perseverance, Diversity

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## School Dental Service

Dental care is FREE for ALL preschool and most school-aged children at School Dental Service clinics.

Your local clinic is located at:

Evanston Dental Clinic  
30 Para Road  
EVANSTON SA 5116

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome.

First dental check-ups are recommended from 12-18 months.

Please call 8522 3575 to make an appointment.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.



### Festival of Music Choir

The opportunity to be part of this fantastic choir is open to all students in years 5, 6 & 7. This year ALL students from Rooms 1 & 2 will attend the first two choir lessons for a "try before you buy", experience. Each student will receive a letter explaining the commitment required, the associated costs and the performance at the Adelaide Festival Theatre.

If you have any questions about the choir please contact me at the school on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Stephanie Radowicz/ The Arts

**AUSTRALIA POST**  
**AFL COMMUNITY CAMP**  
**FOOTBALL CLINIC**

**HEY KIDS!**  
You have been invited to participate in a football clinic with the Adelaide Crows. Come along for a 'kick and catch' and get your favourite player's autograph!

**Date:** Monday 15 February 2016  
**Time:** 4.30pm - 5.30pm  
**Where:** Clare Oval, Main North Road, Clare  
**Age:** Strictly 5 - 13 years  
**Cost:** FREE!

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