



# Mallala Primary School

## From the Leadership Team

Welcome back to the start of Term 2. We hope that you enjoyed the beautiful weather over the holidays and had a chance to share some outdoor time with your children. The cold has really hit now and it has been good to get a bit of rain. We have started this term with District Athletics, School Photos and the Mother's Day Stall all happening this week. Our representatives at Athletics once again did themselves and our school proud with the wonderful teamwork and support of others, which included using their initiative in offering to support with one of the events that were understaffed. This was the first opportunity for our students to wear our new sports top and they certainly looked like a team.

A reminder that this term's Pupil Free Day is on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June with the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June. We have also finalised the Term 3 dates that include a Pupil Free Day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September and a Day Closure on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September. It was a bit tricky organising these dates as we needed to wait for the available dates for camp before making a final decision.

## NAPLAN

Once again Term 2 brings NAPLAN with testing for Years 3, 5 and 7 happening from the 14<sup>th</sup> May to 24<sup>th</sup> May. All of the NAPLAN testing will be online with the exception of Year 3 writing which will still be handwritten. Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule. If you would like to get an idea of what the online assessment looks like, visit the public demonstration site at [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au).

Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. Families are encouraged to discuss the use of any disability adjustments for your child with your child's teacher and/or leadership. A formal exemption may be granted for a student with disability that limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background. If families have any questions regarding NAPLAN assessments, we can give you more information on NAPLAN Online disability

adjustments or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

As happens every year there has been a bit on the news and in the papers about NAPLAN, this year particularly focusing on the stress involved. We ensure that our students feel as comfortable as possible, with the main directives being to read the question carefully, use all of the time they have and do the best that they can. NAPLAN is one part of the ongoing assessment that occurs across a school year to provide information on how your child is progressing. We encourage parents and students participating in this year's test to keep this in perspective.

## DOCUMENTARY RELEASE FORMS

In 2017 we received a visit from Mr. Ben Felten. Ben has a vision impairment, and has been completely blind since his late twenties. Ben and his team dropped into our school on the way to Lake Gairdner to attempt to become the fastest blind person on a motorcycle. Although the 2017 attempt fell short of the required speed, Ben returned to Lake Gairdner in 2018 and was successful in his attempt, recording a speed of 272.596km/h.

Ben's story is now the subject of a documentary. As such, the company that are producing the documentary want to "recreate" Ben's visit to the school on Monday between recess and lunch. Rather than restrict this session to the upper primary classes, Ben and his team will be talking about their achievements in front of the whole school, in the gym. **There is no cost for this visit**, but as there will be a film crew recording Ben's visit, the production company require **all attending students to have a signed the attached release form**, as students may be filmed.

**Students who don't have a signed release form returned prior to filming next Monday (the 13<sup>th</sup> of May) will not be able to attend Ben's presentation** and will be provided a modified learning program in class.

Have a wonderful weekend  
Sharon, Luke and Kirsty

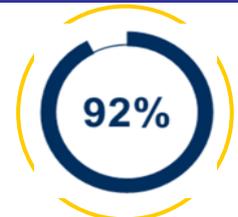


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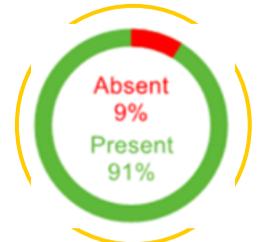
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Date: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May

## Attendance Rate



## Last Week



## Key Dates...

**Monday 13th May**  
Ben Felten Documentary Presentation

**Tuesday 14th May**  
Governing Council  
7pm

**Friday 17th May**  
School Disco  
Details on flyer sent home

**Monday 20th—Friday 24th May**  
NAPLAN

*Class Value Awards*

Alex Diegmann  
Alec Kluske  
Callan O’Loan  
Beau Daniel  
Leela Hobbs  
Nate Walker  
Ethan Abbott  
Anthony Naulty  
Taylah West  
Gabby Nicholson



*Humanity Awards*

Zen Taylor  
Elizabeth Pym  
Troy Hornby  
Adawynn Hughes  
Sebastien Hughes  
Summer Watlen  
Annabel Helps  
Jai Walker  
Payton Kennison



*Maclit Awards*

Chloe Watlen  
Zeanna Watlen  
Dusty Kelsh  
Ethan Packham



*Observers  
Bear  
Award*

*Room 1*

*PE  
AWARD*

*Room 6*

*Korean  
Award*

*Room 7*

*The  
Arts  
Award*

*Room 3*

## *Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program*

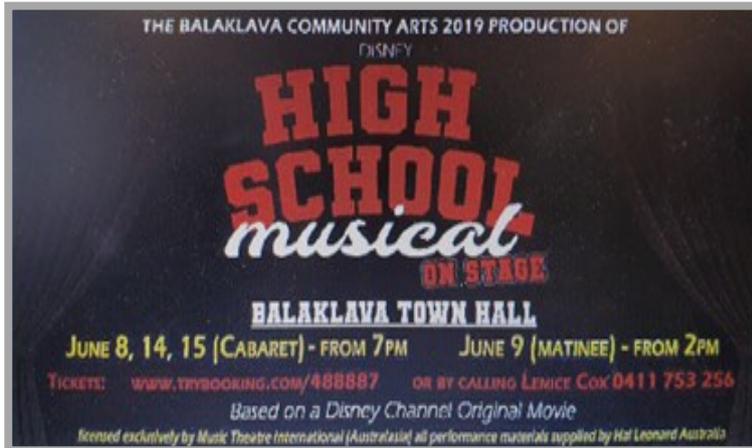


The students from rooms 1 and 7 hosted a morning tea yesterday for the special women in their lives; Mums, Nanas and Aunties were treated to some homemade recipes consisting of ; Creamy pumpkin soup, herb flatbreads, pumpkin scones and rhubarb and apple tarts. The pumpkins and rhubarb were picked from our garden beds and the students made the pastry and scones from scratch. We are so proud of the students' efforts in preparing, cooking and serving their dishes to family and friends. We would like to wish all the mums and special women in our lives a very happy Mothers Day for this coming Sunday.

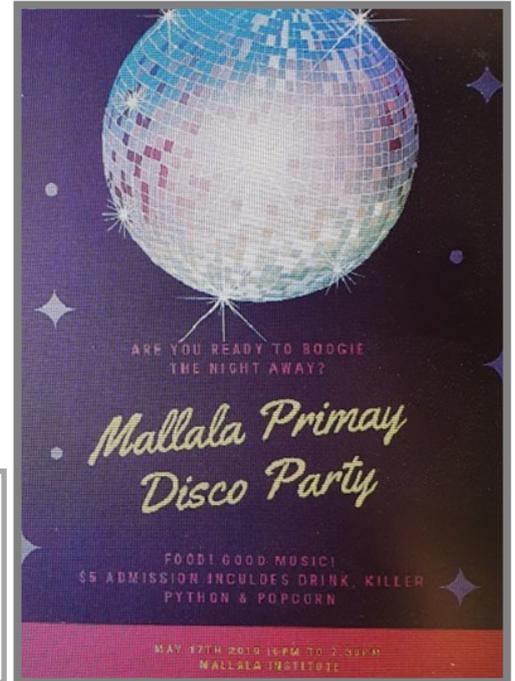
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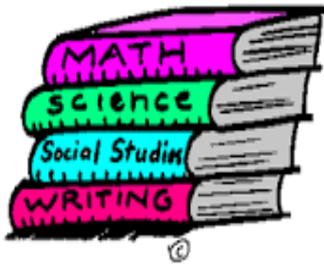
## Upcoming Events



Remember your disco snack pre order form, going home with this flyer today!



## Family Brain Teaser



## Specks of Gold

**Week 10 Answer: 1 hour 58 minutes**

Some schools now how have ukulele classes. A ukulele has 4 strings. If one class has 19 ukuleles in the cupboard, how many strings altogether on all 19 of them?

## Self Regulation

*Emotional awareness and self-regulation is an essential skill in building resilience.*

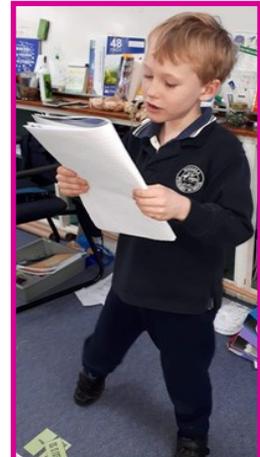
Children need help to do this, how can we help them? These simple but affective ideas may be useful and are likely to be more successful if you model them and do them with your child.

- Deep breathing slowly in and out while sitting quietly together.
- Counting backwards from 10
- Create a calm down kit; colouring in book, pencils, playdough, soothing music on headphones.
- Encourage them to take a break, have a run outside in the garden, 10 minutes trampoline time.

Being resilient is all about expressing how we are feeling and learning how to recognise when we feel ourselves become angry with others or our surroundings and then learning how to respond in a positive way and take control again. Don't confuse a child's emotions with weakness, it is important for a child to know it is ok to become upset and even cry, but help them to know that there are ways to get over obstacles. We don't want to exclude our children from challenges or the realities of life, just to find easier ways to deal with them.



*Around the Classes*



*Pres-School with Melissa, Kylie and girls—Making Anzac Biscuits*



*Lest We Forget*



Our young pre-schoolers enjoyed making Anzac biscuits in their first week back at Preschool. They practised their taking turns and listening skills during the lesson, finished off by sampling the delicious biscuits. Well done Preschool!



*Parent and Community Announcements*

**Mallala Primary School Family and Friends**

**It is time again for our "Friday Fresh Lunches"**

They will be available to purchase every Friday in Terms 2 & 3.

Printed envelopes will go home as normal for you to order lunch for your child a few days before Friday, please send them back with money enclosed and put them in the classroom lunch order bag. We are going to try to reduce waste this term and are asking if you could send in a named container with a lid and pack a fork in their lunchbox please.

We thank you in advance for your support.

**Eat Good**

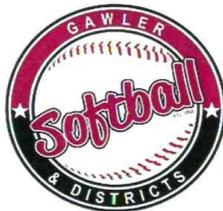


**Feel Good**

# GAWLER WINTER TBALL BASEBALL SOFTBALL ACADEMY

**TERM 2 | 2019 (MAY 3)**  
FRIDAY EVENINGS | 5.00-6.30PM  
AGES 3 to 16 | BOYS & GIRLS

THERE WILL BE SKILLS STATIONS FOR THE  
NON EXPERIENCED & SPECIFIC PROGRAMS FOR THE  
SEASONED VETERANS!



**\$40 PER CHILD | 10 WEEK PROGRAM**

GAWLER & DISTRICTS SOFTBALL ASSOC  
GAWLER RANGERS BASEBALL CLUB  
KARBEETHAN RESERVE, ANGLE VALE RD

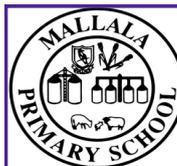
REGISTER WITH KERRY ON 0427 662 741 (BY APR 29)

**Boys & Girls**  
**Let's Play Ball**

AGES 4 and up  
All Skill Levels

**Kangas Softball Club**  
For more information:  
E | kangasendsoftball.com

**SOFTBALL**



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