

Respect, Excellence, Perseverance, Diversity



Mallala Primary School

Welcome to the new school year. Two weeks in and already a busy start with the majority of our students settling well, showing resilience with the changes that are happening, supporting each other and demonstrating a real eagerness to learn. We welcome all of the new students and families to our school community and look forward to working with you. The start of a new school year can be difficult for some as they manage the change of year level, room, teacher and classmates. Reinforce with your child that change can be hard and that they will become more comfortable and settle in as they become familiar with the routines of the class and know that the support is there for them for the learning and for any worries they may have. If parents have any concerns I encourage you to make and maintain regular contact with the class teacher so that you can work through the information your child may be bringing home. At times there can be quite a difference between the information you are receiving and what is being witnessed at school. Maintaining good communication with the class teacher helps build the partnership between all and enables the best possible support for your child.

Staff

You may have noticed some changes at the Front Office this term. Leeanne Kroepsch is on extended sick leave and is working hard to get her health back on track. We certainly miss her laughter and friendly face around the place and wish her all the best as she takes this time to take care of herself. We welcome Kristine Brazel and Helen Gibson to our team who are sharing the role of Finance Officer throughout Term 1. Between Kristine and Helen they have a wealth of knowledge and experience and are helping to keep our finances and processes in order. We would also like to acknowledge and thank Tina, Nicky and Steph for increasing their Front Office workload. We welcome a new teacher, Chelsea Bennett who is working collaboratively across Rooms 1 and 2 as we implement a different approach to targeting the learning for our students in years 4 – 6. Kylie McGoran has taken on the fulltime R/1 position in Room 4 to enable consistency for our new young ones coming into school. Her previous position within the preschool has been filled by Emily King who is working alongside Melissa and the team of support staff. During 2019 Emily completed a number of TRT days; both in the preschool and junior primary classes. Both

Chelsea and Emily have fantastic skills and build extremely positive relationships with the children.

Governing Council

We are looking for parents, carers and grandparents to join our Governing Council this year. Our AGM is next Tuesday at 7pm in the Staff Room. We have extended an invitation to anyone that might be interested but isn't sure what to expect to come along with no obligation. If you then decide that you would like to be involved with some of the decision making that goes on in our school and be a voice for families you will be able to nominate at the meeting. A letter has been sent home with further information along with a nomination slip that can be returned prior to the AGM. If you would like to nominate but are unable to attend on Tuesday please identify this on the slip and we will ensure that your name is included. We look forward to welcoming new members.

Term 1 Events

There are a number of events happening this term with the first being swimming in Week 3. All notes have been sent home so please ensure that these are signed and returned. It is a requirement that all students identified as requiring medication have a current Health Care Plan to be able to participate.

Returning Notes

Just a reminder it is absolutely essential that notes for any excursions are signed and returned. Legal requirements do not permit verbal permission, emails or text messages as permission so if a signed note is not returned for an excursion your child will not be able to attend.

Outside Development

We will shortly be sending home a request for volunteers who would be willing to join a team to begin work on Altarama. We are looking for members with great ideas and a passion to begin our long awaited plan to develop Altarama. Further details will be in the note so please keep an eye out in your child's schoolbag.

Looking forward to a busy and productive year. Have a great weekend.

Sharon, Luke and Kirsty

Term: 1

Week: 2

**Date: Friday 7th
February**

Key Dates...

Tuesday 11th February

Governing Council AGM

7pm

Everyone welcome

Save the Date!

Thursday 5th March

Open Morning

Further Details to Follow

Friday 6th March

Pupil Free Day

Students do not attend
school on this day.

Monday 9th March

Adelaide Cup

Public Holiday



Assembly Room 1

Class Value Awards

- Troy Kenyon
- Eboney Kenyon
- Jai Walker
- Koby Walker
- Izayah Quinn
- Cohen Wildbore
- Leela Hobbs
- Mahalia Ward
- Mark Mavro
- Dominic Robbertsen
- Natalya Molloy
- Ryan Christoff
- Kyson Quinn
- Aleisha Baker



TEAMWORK

Humanity Awards

- Hamish Wildbore
- Bodhi Darby

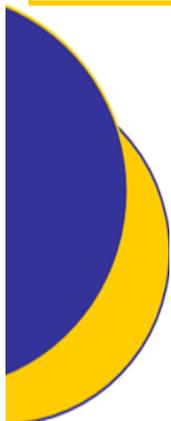


*Korean
Award
Room 4*

*PE
Award
Room 5*

*The Arts
Award
Room 6*

*Observers
Bear
Award
Room 6*



Goals For Our Supportive School Culture at Mallala Primary School 2020

We recognise the increasing need to address bullying, resilience and social skills in our school community. This year at Mallala Primary, we will be taking further steps to create a friendly and supportive culture.

The resources we will use are based on evidence from 12 years of empirical research from the Child Health Promotion Research Centre. The resource materials aim to help schools to encourage positive social behaviour and reduce bullying behaviour.

Actions we take will include: a review of our school behaviour policy, introduction of supports to prevent or reduce anti-social behaviours, strategies to help students cope with bullying and the development of social skills and resiliency factors.

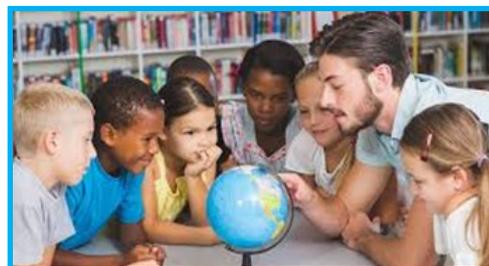
Our goals are to:

- Provide all students with opportunities to develop and practise getting along with other children through classroom learning activities
- Create a positive social environment within our school which actively discourages bullying including cyber bullying
- Modify the school grounds and adult supervision ratios to discourage anti-social behaviours
- Continue to encourage staff, students and parents to treat all school community members with respect, care and compassion
- Implement a clear and consistent approach to managing reported behaviour incidents
- Provide parents with resources and strategies to help them communicate more effectively with their children about bullying

As part of our work in this area, we invite you to join a steering team.

The steering team will work with Leaders and Teachers at our school to consider planning and decision-making about school action. Please email kirsty.jeffery649@schools.sa.edu.au to register your interest. You do not have to be able to attend on-site meetings, it may be that we communicate via email or another mechanism.

Kirsty.



Family Brain Teaser



A “Super-Cell” storm in Sydney late last week caused many flights to be delayed. Some delays were up to 85% of a full 24—hour day. How many hours and minutes is that?

Volunteer Reading Program with Mrs Lindner

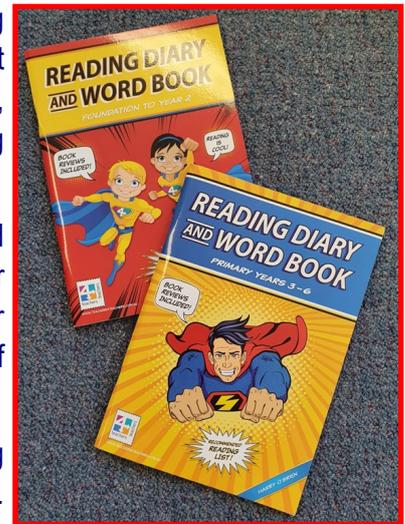
Our aim is to provide students with many opportunities to engage in reading activities throughout the day. These opportunities may include, but are not limited to, reading to self, guided reading, choral reading, partner reading, listening to others read, reading online texts, reading recipes and reading instructions.

We are excited to continue our school wide focus on reading and comprehension by working with students, parents, carers and the wider community to continue with the Volunteer Reading Program. Our Volunteer Reading Program induction is being held in week 3, Tuesday the 11th of February at 2:30 (please contact the front office if you wish to come along).

We are also developing an Upper Primary/ Junior Primary Class Reading Buddy program. Upper Primary students are about to begin training with Mrs. Lindner and classroom teachers to support them to be reading buddies for the Preschool and Junior Primary classes.

Many classes have started using their Reading Diaries for daily home reading. It is a school wide expectation that students will read daily to a parent or caregiver. Students are responsible for getting their reading diary signed off daily by a parent or caregiver and diaries will be checked and stamped daily by classroom teachers, to ensure that students are completing reading tasks. If a student loses their reading diary, they will be required to purchase a new one through the front office.

Nicole Lindner



WHY READ AT HOME?

20 MINUTES
per day



3,600 MINUTES A YEAR



1,800,000 WORDS THIS YEAR

5 MINUTES
per day



900 MINUTES THIS YEAR



282,000 WORDS THIS YEAR

1 MINUTE
per day



180 MINUTES THIS YEAR



8,000 WORDS THIS YEAR

By the time you graduate...
IT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
9 MILLION & 9 HUNDRED
words!

Shaywitz, S. E. (2006). Overcoming obstacles: A new and complete science-based program for reading problems. © Jay Tiller (11/11) and S. New York, U.S.A. Kindle

Jaynes Community Corner—Volunteers for Ice-Block Fridays

It was so nice to get back to school last week, and say hello to everyone again. And hello to some new faces also. I'm really looking forward to helping create some great experiences with the students and the community.

I have already had some positive contact with a few community groups about some really exciting stuff happening in and around our community for your children to be involved in this year. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact me. It is better to share the idea, as it may not be something we had even considered for our students.

We are currently looking for volunteers for:

*selling ice blocks at recess on a Friday (only ½ hr).

* Breakfast Club Mon-Thurs (8-9am).

* Reading with the students.

If you require a 'Volunteers Welcome Pack' explaining individual activities, and the clearances you require, please contact or pop into the office, or contact me

Looking forward to seeing you soon

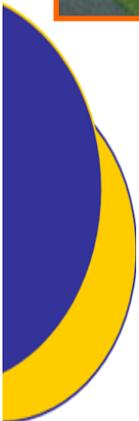
Jayne Tiller jayne.tiller14@schools.sa.edu.au

Around the Classes



PreSchool

Melissa, Emily, Peta and Sharna would like to welcome all children and their families to Preschool for 2020. The year ahead will be filled with exploring, learning and engaging together during different tasks and activities. This fortnight the children have been getting to know each other and of course the staff. Our pictures show some very bust children enjoying time in and outdoors.



Parent and Community Announcements

The Journey Coffee Shop

Mallala

Re Opening Friday 14th February
and Saturday 15th.

Call in for a delicious cuppa and
piece of cake.

Hope to see you
there!

*Open every Friday and
Saturday*



Preschool Playdough

We are looking for any donations of the following
ingredients for making our playdough.

- plain flour
- Salt
- Cooking oil
- Cream of tartar



Any donations can be taken to the preschool or
left at the school front office.

Thank you in advance

Governing Council

Meeting

Tuesday 11th February

7pm

**We are always happy to
welcome new faces to our group,**

Family and friends

Ice cream Fridays

Just a reminder that in

Term 1 at recess students can purchase ice
blocks from the Parent Club.

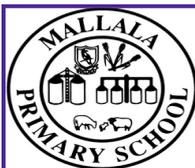
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One ice block per student.



Does your child have their school hat in their bag?

Can you please ensure that your child has their
school hat with them each day. The hot weather
is with us and all students need to wear a hat out-
side at all times.



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Registrations are now open for the

Mallala Netball Club.

If you want to play netball, meet new people and have some fun
please join us at

Mallala.

We have grades from net set go, U10s, U13a & b, U15s, U17s
and seniors.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Carissa or
Amy.