

Respect, Excellence, Perseverance, Diversity



Mallala Primary School

South Australia is doing extremely well to combat COVID-19 with positive outcomes in relation to having no current active cases. Due to this and the easing of some restrictions the Department for Education has relayed the following directive to all Principals.

While we have been supporting parent choice during this pandemic, we now expect all public school students who are well and not considered vulnerable to COVID-19 to attend school or preschool.

Students are required to attend school unless they are:

Feeling unwell

Have a chronic medical condition or compromised immune system and are not able to attend school on advice from their medical practitioner

Live in a household with others that are deemed vulnerable to COVID-19 and are not able to attend school on advice of their medical practitioner

Have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or have been required to self-isolate by SA Health

As attendance is now required, there is no expectation that home learning and online learning needs to be provided by teachers. Please ensure that any work completed at home returns to school for marking.

With all students being back at school it is even more important that we don't get complacent with the preventative strategies that have been put into place. We ask that parents still remain outside of classrooms, adhere to the recommended social distancing of 1.5m and also do not wait inside the gates between Rooms 4 and 7. With more children there is also an increased number of parents which in these confined spaces makes any form of physical distancing impossible. We thank you for your understanding and support in this matter. Classes are also maintaining stringent handwashing and the site is still undergoing increased cleaning each day.

We have completed a Risk Assessment and have been advised that Occasional Care will be able to recommence on Friday of Week 5. Sharna will be contacting families and also advising of the necessary precautions that are required to take place.

It is so important for us to be able to recommence many of the wonderful programs and activities that we have and to do so we need to continue to follow SA Health recommendations. Unfortunately, we are

not yet at the stage to recommence our Volunteer Reading Program but hope that this is not too far off. The students are really missing these interactions and the opportunity to read to their volunteer friends.

Schools are social places with a large number of personalities all coming together and learning how to get along. Children come to school with different experiences and varying understanding of how to manage situations. We work hard to support our students to make the most appropriate decision and respond in ways that are safe and enable positive outcomes. This does not always occur and we manage each situation as it arises with a number of processes occurring to work through incidents aiming for social learning to occur and ultimately, sustainable change.

Young people have arguments and disagreements and generally only see the situation from their perspective. School staff are in the position where we are able to, as accurately as possible, gain the 'big picture' and although parents may not always agree with our findings we ask that you support us in the knowledge that we want a safe and supportive environment for all children. When situations arise between young people it is imperative that parents do not approach, make comments to, or intimidate other children in any way. This never improves the situation and also has a negative impact on their own child as they move forward and are able to engage in restorative practices that enables them to feel safe and connected to school. We encourage and appreciate parents working with us and informing us if there has been an issue of concern. Remember that your child's class teacher is the first point of contact should there be any concerns that you may have from a class group perspective. Class teachers have the most interaction with your child and see the dynamics of our young people's interactions on a daily basis. Leadership are always available to provide further intervention and support as required.

I spoke to a representative from the Council and within the next few weeks the old bus zone signs and yellow markings will be removed from Chivel Street allowing for some more parking spaces out the back of the school. There is still a required distance of no parking from the crossing area which will still be identified with yellow lines.

Stay warm over the weekend and enjoy the time with your family and loved ones.

Sharon, Luke and Kirsty

Term: 2

Week: 4

**Date: Friday 22nd
May**

Key Dates...

Wednesday 27th May

Reconciliation Day

Friday 5th June

Pupil Free day

**Students do not attend school
on this day.**

Staff in training

Monday 8th June

Queen's Birthday

Public holiday



Jayne's Community Corner

It has been so fantastic to see nearly everyone back at school this term. We really did miss having all the students here, and seeing all the familiar faces of the families at 'Drop Off & Pick Up' time.

Yes we have to do things a little differently at the moment, but it will actually be wonderful if some changes remain. For example, my highlight last Thursday was being able to help the LDT cook popcorn for the 'Outdoor Disco'. A big thank you to Family and Friends of Mallala Primary School for providing the popcorn for free to all the students.

Seeing the students having such a fantastic time at lunch was defiantly something I would like to see happen again. I'm sure the students would agree. There were some great dance moves. Great job LDT! The Outdoor Disco was a huge success. So much fun having a boogie with everyone!

Another change is how we go about continuing our 'Community Engagement' with this amazing community of ours. After chatting with Mrs Okmasich and 3 classes, we came up with the idea, and a list of questions for members of our community. Some are volunteers, some are business owners, and some are simply a part of why or community works so well.

For now, I am interviewing these individuals (following social distancing guidelines of course) and then I will be uploading them on to our Mallala Primary School Facebook page. It's a great way for the families, students and community members to learn about the people that are such an important part of our community. Please make sure you 'like'

our page and share these interviews with our students. They may already know some of these faces. Some have volunteered at Breakfast Club, or helped with reading. They may have spoken at assembly, or maybe the students know them from excursions to the Mallala Museum. Or even when the students all attended the Mallala Football/ Netball Club clinic at the oval last term.

It will be great if the students can soon interview these individuals themselves, but for now, I have loved getting to know a little more about our community members.

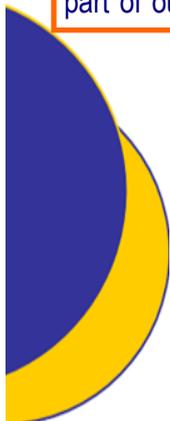
If you would like me to catch up with anyone in particular, please email me at jayne.tiller14@schools.sa.edu.au or call the school on 85 272 240.

Jayne Tiller
Community Engagement Officer



Occasional Care with Sharna and Kerri

Sharna and Kerri are so excited that Occasional Care is starting back next Friday. If you are interested in booking your child in for a session of play, please call into the front office and speak with one of our friendly staff members.



Room 3 ~ Egyptian God Masks

Students in room 3 have been creating and making their own Egyptian God Masks. First they had to design and create how they wanted them to look. Then using cardboard, paper mache and other items they added surrounds to the faces. A coat of white paint became the base for the striking gold background and bold colours. A lot of effort has gone into these and I look forward to adding a photo of all masks when they are completed.

Watch this space.



Mallala Coffee House and Op Shop

Gardening Room 5

We are so excited that we can have seated dining! There will be 10 people allowed inside and 10 people outside. First come, first seated. Social distancing rules will still apply. Takeaway coffee is available.

Plus we will have some Op shop clothes available to browse through in the coffee shop. If you have any donations for the Op Shop, please bring them in on a Friday or Saturday morning.

Always happy to receive any donations, but in particular at the moment, men's clothes would be really appreciated; summer or winter clothing any items gratefully received.

Friday and Saturday 9-11am



As it is currently National Volunteer Week, Volunteering Australia we would like to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of our volunteers. We have gone from 6 volunteers this time last year to now having around 60. What a fantastic thing for our students to be meeting and working with such a diverse range of people that are selflessly giving back to our students and our community. We hope that as our students grow, will also do the same for their community.



Room 4 and 7



We have been working through components of **Friendly Schools** and **Child Protection Curriculum** within the class. Students have been learning about the topics of Rights and Responsibilities, Manners, Social Awareness, Identity, Volume of Emotions and Helpful Calming Strategies.

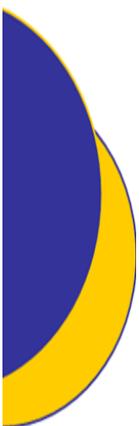
Students have been using their individual volume of emotions wheels in class to express how they are feeling throughout the day.



Popcorn Lunchtime Disco



Thank you to Sharna, Jayne and the Learning Design Team, for organising the "Lunch Time Disco". After all the changes with schooling over the past weeks it was a welcome change and it was enjoyed by everyone, including the staff.



Parent and Community Information

Friday 5th June

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Introducing Steph Gauci, your school's new Pastoral Care Worker



Hello, my name is Steph Gauci and I am the new Pastoral Care Worker, providing a Chaplaincy Service at Mallala Primary School. Pastoral Care Workers offer a unique dimension of care and support to all members of the school community. I will be a positive role model and I bring compassion, understanding and provide practical, ongoing support to students and families. My role includes working alongside and complementing other welfare and wellbeing staff in the school.

As the School Pastoral Care Worker, I will be available in the yard at break times, will work alongside teachers and students in the classroom, and I will be an extra resource to teachers to support extra-curricular events and activities. I also provide a Christian presence in the school on behalf of the local churches.

I will be at the school on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Students can contact me through my letterbox in the library. Parents and care-givers can contact me through the school front office. I am really looking forward to assisting the school staff to provide the best outcomes for students and their families.

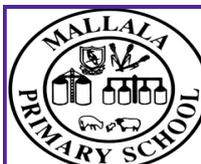
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