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Mallala Primary School

COVID-19 Update

With the Premier announcing step 3 of the COVID-19 roadmap we have now received the information we have been waiting for in relation to the restrictions that have been in place for activities that our schools, preschools and early years' settings can plan for and participate in.

Although there is great news in relation to the inclusion of many activities and events that have been on hold we need to have ongoing vigilance around the precautions that still need to remain in place. In particular, this focuses on the expectation to maintain the physical distancing measures that have been put into place. For our site we require the following to continue for the remainder of the term and during Term 3 until further notice:

- * **Preschool children to continue to be dropped off and collected at the gate**
- * **Parents/carers to not enter classrooms and corridors when dropping off or collecting students**
- * **For pre-arranged meetings with the class teacher we ask that you remain outside until all children have left**
- * **Parents/carers remain outside the gates either side of the R/1 classes – this area in particular becomes extremely congested and physical distancing of adults is not manageable**

Governing Council discussed and were in agreement with regard to these guidelines. Many schools are still requiring parents to drop children off outside of school gates, however, we believe that we have a large enough yard area to enable parents to enact the minimum 1.5 metres SA Health physical distancing guidelines. A reminder that the AHPPC does not believe that it's appropriate or practical for students and children to maintain physical distancing requirements in classrooms or corridors.

From Monday 29 June (Week 10) there will be no cap on the number of people in one room, however the 1.5 metre physical distancing and 4-square metre room density requirements must be followed by adults.

From this date, the following activities can also

recommence at the discretion of site leaders, providing government health advice and physical distancing requirements are strictly followed:

- *parents, volunteers, departmental support and other service providers may again enter school and preschool grounds. All external service providers and volunteers must complete the COVID-19 site access form on entry*
- *school assemblies*
- *class photos*
- *all intrastate camps and excursions*
- *all school sport competitions, sports days and carnivals, including inter-school competitions (use of change rooms and shower facilities is not permitted)*
- *inter-school choirs, bands and other performing art activities*
- *school formals, socials and discos playgroups and occasional care.*

The majority of these activities will gradually come back into effect from Term 3. We will have an Assembly on the last day of Term for staff and students only. We still need to consider and plan how we are going to accommodate parents for Assemblies so that they can attend in Term 3.

ALTARAMA RE-DEVELOPMENT MEETING

Just a reminder that our first Altarama Planning meeting will be held in the Staff Room (depending on numbers attending we may move to a larger space) on Tuesday 23 June at 5:00pm. Please come to the Front Office if you are interested. The commitment to this re-development process is entirely up to the individual and we welcome you to come along to this first meeting with no expectations.

NAIDOC WEEK

Due to all of the uncertainty over the last few months the date for NAIDOC Week 2020 celebrations has been changed and will be held on 8 – 15 November.

Have a wonderful weekend and stay warm and dry

Sharon, Luke and Kirsty

Term: 2

Week: 8

Date: Friday 19th June

Key Dates...

Friday 3rd July

Last Day of Term 2

2.15pm finish

Monday 20th July

First day of

Term 3



Reading Diaries—Nicole Lindner

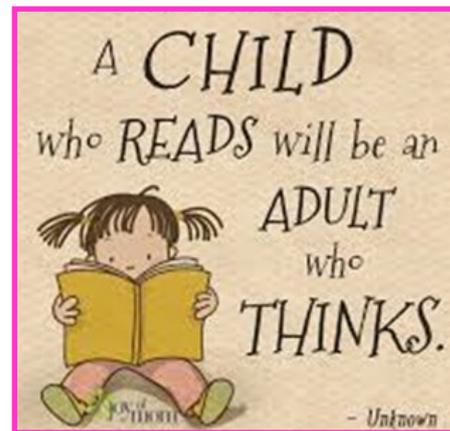
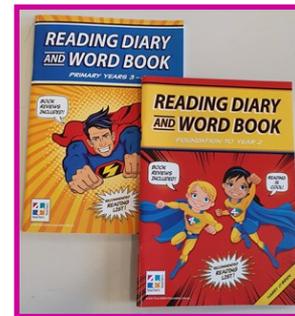
To Our Wonderful Volunteers

We finally have great news to share. As of Monday the 20th of July we will be starting our Volunteer Reading Program again, this will run through to Friday 25th September. We now need a little information from you to find out times that suit you best, to come in and work with our students again.

For anyone who hasn't volunteered here before, you will need to call into the front office to collect a "Welcome Pack" and volunteer preference form. If you missed the Responding to Abuse and Neglect (RAN), we will be running a training session early in Term 3. There will also be an informal Reading Training Session for half an hour on Tuesday 30th June at 2.30pm, in the library for those who have

not done it before or even if you want a refresher on what it involves. Looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

Nicole Lindner.



The Arts - Freddie the Fly

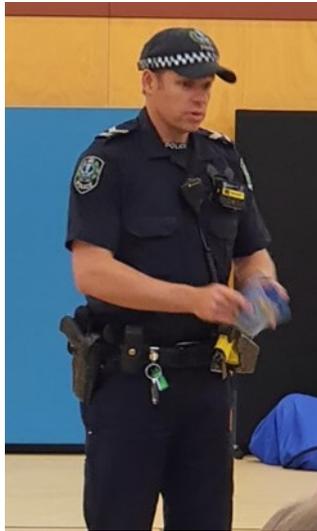


In the Arts, Room 1 have been working on listening and sequence play, "Freddie the Fly".

The photos here show students acting out their own story of Freddie from the beginning to the end where Freddie becomes squashed.



Officer Randal's Visit



We were very fortunate to have Officer Randal from the Barossa Branch come and visit our students this week. It is interesting that so many of our younger students associate fear and harm with Police and don't quite understand the importance of police presence in and around our communities. Officer Randal talked about the vehicle they use, their uniform and also answered many questions that the students wanted to know. A look inside the Police car was enjoyed by the students.

Thank you Officer Randal for your visit.



Student Wellbeing

Respect

How do I teach my child what respect means?

How do I teach my child to be respectful to others?

We all want our children to be respectful towards us, their siblings, other adults, friends and teachers. In a nutshell we really expect they will be respectful to EVERYONE. Respect needs to come from within a person and needs to be sincere. The first thing to remember is we cannot teach our children to be respectful, if we are not respectful to them. We need to show this in our actions and the way we speak to them. Discipline means to teach or train not to punish. Studies have shown that positive discipline is much more effective and longer lasting than punitive strategies. Using positive discipline is not being soft or dismissive; We can be kind but firm while setting boundaries, but remember when we set them, we need to stick to them and carry it through. These are the keys to successfully teaching discipline.



- Model how to be respectful , our children learn from us.
- If your child is disrespectful, identify the cause of the disrespect and teach problem solving techniques
- Stay calm and don't over react
- Use kind and firm discipline to teach, not to punish
- Use age appropriate strategies

Jayne's Community Corner

Can You Help?

We are looking for your ideas and suggestions around how we can upgrade and make Altarama a more usable space for students, staff and community members.

We are meeting for the first time this coming Tuesday 23rd June, 2020 at 5pm. Please contact me or let the school know if you can join us, or just come to the office Tuesday afternoon.

We welcome any ideas and would really appreciate your input.

Please make sure you head to the Mallala Primary School Facebook page to see our interviews with people within our community that are involved in our school through volunteering, educating or building items for our students to use.

There will be ongoing interviews, so please let me know if there is someone in particular you feel would be ideal to interview.

I'm really excited about the things we have planned for our students in and around our community.

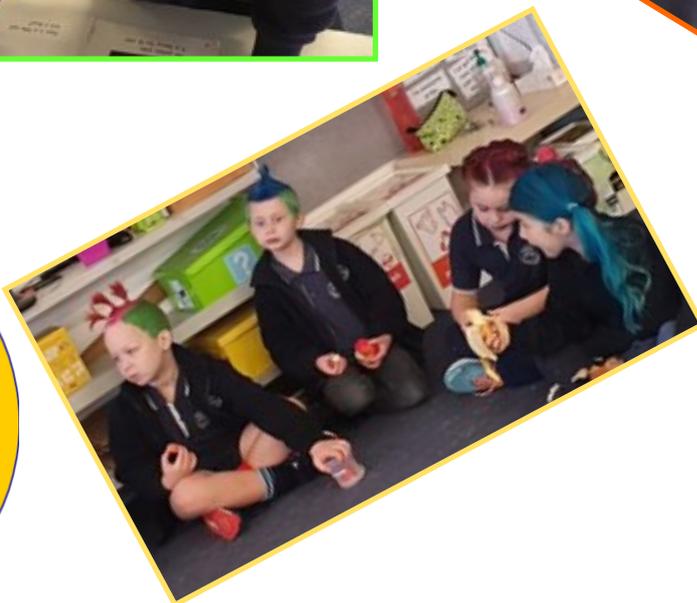
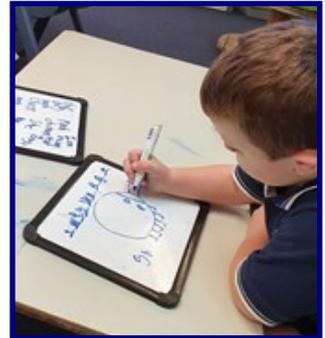
If you ever have any suggestions please flick me an email, or call the school office.

Jayne

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Around the Classes ~ Crazy Hair and Sock Day



Parent and Community Information



There has been more and more children turning up to our Morning Breakfast Club, this so good to see. We encourage all students to come in for some fruit, toast or whatever our wonderful volunteers are cooking on that morning.

Breakfast Club is run Monday - Thursday mornings 8am to 9am. If you are able to help out in any way please let Jayne Tiller know what mornings suit you best.

Hope to see you there!



Mallala Primary School Family and Friends

“Friday Fresh Lunches”

Even more good news, Term 3 will see the return of our “Friday Fresh Lunches”

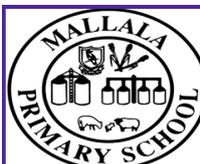
Family and Friends of Mallala Primary School (formally Parent Club) are looking for helpers to assist with the preparation, making and serving of the student lunches. If cooking is not really your thing you might want to help with sorting out the orders or counting money. Not only is it good to lend a helping hand to the school community but it also gives you the chance to meet other people and have a chat, and very importantly the students really appreciate the lunches. If you can assist please contact the front office or Jayne Tiller.



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