

Respect, Excellence, Perseverance, Diversity



Mallala Primary School

It has been great to see some sunshine around, especially last Sunday for our Working Bee. It was a very productive two hours with most of the tyres around the large oval removed and taken away to be repurposed. We also managed to get the Nature Play area re-mulched. Both of these jobs are very time consuming and we thank all of the families and staff who came to lend a hand. Thank you to Greg Hughes and Brad Griffiths for bringing the big machinery to lighten the load and also the Gejas family for taking the tyres away.

As mentioned at the end of last term Melissa Sinkinson is Acting Director at Angle Vale Preschool for the remainder of the year and Mary Woolley will be with us during that time. Many parents would have already met Mary and I am sure have made her feel very welcome. Many of you would have also seen a familiar face in Leanne Work who is working in Finance and Admin for the term during Leanne Kroepsch's absence. Both Mary and Leanne are a cheerful and vibrant addition to our staff and have settled in as part of the team.

It was lovely to be able to have an Assembly on Thursday with a number of students receiving awards for either work effort and achievement or kindness to others. Our Year 7 class were finally able to share their incredible Egyptian masks and collage designs.

We have a number of events planned for this term including Outdoor Classroom Day which is aiming to get the students out and about in the community. We also have Sports Day planned for the last day of Term. All of our plans hinge upon South Australia maintaining the strong containment of COVID-19. The current advice for school Sports Days is that families may attend but must be mindful of and maintain physical

distancing rules with other families. At this stage BBQs and cake stalls are not allowed therefore families will need to bring their own picnic lunches. If this directive changes then we will certainly look at holding these as they are always a great success and very well received by all.

School photos are this Wednesday with a catch-up day on Friday for students who may be absent. Please note that we are once again going with the more current and popular 'college' style of class photos. This enables all students to be a part of the class group even if they are absent on Wednesday. It is also a much faster process on photo day and less unsettling for the school day.

Students will attend a Friendship Workshop on Wednesday. This works in well with the Friendly Schools curriculum focus that classes will all be accessing throughout Term 3.

Enjoy the sunshine while it lasts
Sharon, Luke, Kirsty and staff

A big welcome to Mary Woolley who is working in the Preschool for the term and Leanne Work who is looking after our finance.. If you see them around the school, please say hello.



Term: 3
Week: 2
Date: Friday 31st July

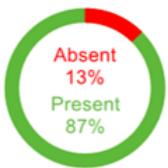
Key Dates...

Tuesday 4th August
Governing Council
7pm

Wednesday 5th August
School Photos

Friday 7th August
Photo Catchup Day

Please see back page for ordering/payment information



Class Value Awards

Kyson Quinn
Benjamin Naulty
Kaleah Quinn
Ethan Hallett
Natayla Molloy
Max Aston
Cooper Molloy
Evan Cawrse
Zeth Bennier-Russell
Xavier Ruthenbeck
Thomas Martin
Callan O'Loan
Henry Lavers
Ethan Hardie

Milit Awards

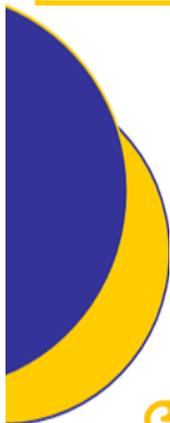
Hayden Delany
Ethan Hardie
Noah Doe
Henry Lavers

Humanity Awards

Taliesha Amor
Georgie Lange
Hannah Lamont
Xavier Ruthenbeck
Malcom Rudd
Henry Lavers
Chelsea Diegmann
Jobe Walker

Preschool Awards

Dexter Ruthenbeck
Mia Jenkin
Charlotte Baker
Loulou Irish



*PE
Award
Room 6*

*Korean
Award
Room 5*

*The Arts
Award
Room 1*

*Observers
Award
Room 5*



Playgroup with Peta



Finally!! We are back! Welcome back to our lovely Playgroup families, it is great to be up and running again.

Please come along to Mallala Playgroup on a Wednesday morning from 9am to 11am, where you can enjoy a chat, cuppa while your children play, explore and get to know each other. It is a great way to get out and about while supporting your local community.

Student Wellbeing



Friendships

If you think your child might be having friendship troubles here are a few things that may help the situation:

- Ask them if there is a problem and if they would like to talk about it.
- Reassure them that talking is a good thing.
- Read a child friendly, easy to follow book on Friendships, most libraries have them to borrow.
- Check in with your child's teacher to see if they have noticed anything in the classroom or at play breaks.

Friendships give our children a sense of belonging, build social skills and their self esteem. As our children start school they build relationships with other children which become an important part of their life. Not all friendships last and this can be unsettling and distressing for some children. It is important to build resilience in our children to help them cope if friendships break down, but encourage our children to have understanding, compassion and empathy for others and their feelings. Not all children make friends easily, so struggle with the process. If your child does you could look at introducing them to an out of school activity such as; Dance, Scouts, Football, Gymnastics or something that involves an interest of theirs. School age children tend to have one or two close friends and still socialise in a group. Your child doesn't need to be popular to have friends, they just need to learn to share, listen and take turns.

Jayne's Community Corner

Breakfast Club



It has been fantastic to see the students back at school, and enjoying our very popular breakfast club again. We love seeing all the students popping in for some fruit or toast. We encourage any students to come to our Breakfast Club and grab a bite to eat before school begins, we all work better when our tummies are full and content. With the frosty, cold mornings this week we had French toast on two morning, that went down a treat and was all gone in

a matter of minutes. Breakfast is served from 8.30am to 8.55am Monday~Thursday mornings. We are always happy to welcome new helpers, so if you can spare a little time in the morning and you would like to help serve the students some breakfast, come and join us. Your presence makes a big difference to our students' day. Alternatively if you are happy to bake a few muffins at home, donate some ingredients or breakfast food, please contact Neville, Jayne or the front office staff.



Working Bee On Sunday we had a very productive 2 hours at the school. A huge thank you must go to all the families and staff members that took time out of their weekend to help out. What a difference some new mulch has made to the Nature Play area, and our oval is looking so much better after the removal of the tyres from around the edge. What a fantastic thing that these tyres were initially recycled, and now they are being recycled again to become part of a motorbike track! This has also saved the school a substantial amount of money by not having to have them taken away and disposed of. Our school and community work so well together.



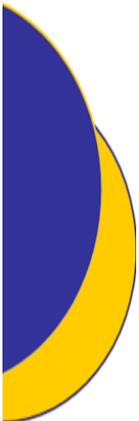
Altarama Revegetation /SAKG

On the morning of Thursday 23rd July, some members of the Altarama Revegetation Committee met to discuss, plan and mark out our 'Butterfly Garden'. It was fantastic to finally see our vision start to come to life. We have so many exciting things planned for this space and we know the students will love exploring the area between recess and lunch time, the classes that participate in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program, headed out to plant various shrubs, groundcovers and trees. They did a fantastic job, but only after John and Tameaka kindly dug the holes with the pick axe. As we all know, the ground is very dry and

hard. So we are now hoping for a good amount of rain, to help these new plants to get a good head start. If you happen to have any tree guards and stakes at home that you no longer need, we would really appreciate some for Altarama. Even second hand ones we will reuse. Thank you.



Around the Classes



Parent and Community Information

Kristy is chopping her hair and she needs your help!

Kristy has made the decision to make a difference by cutting and donating her hair to be made into a wig for someone who has lost their hair due to a medical condition.

**Go
Kristy!**

Wigs cost families up to \$6,000 lasting 1-2 years, meaning families can spend tens of thousands of dollars on the purchase of wigs throughout a child's youth. By making a donation to Variety - the Children's Charity, you can help provide a wig or other vital equipment to a child in need. Thank you for helping kids in need.



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Family photos need to be paid online by Tuesday 4th August.



Family and friends of Mallala Primary School are really excited to be back making Friday Fresh Lunches for Term 3. Here is our menu for the term,

Week 2 Chicken Wraps

Week 3 Ham and cheese Yumbos (hot ham and cheese rolls)

Week 4 Shepherds Pie

Week 5 Fried Rice

Week 6 Pasta Bake

Week 7 Ham and Cheese Croissants

Week 8 Baked Spuds

Week 9 Beef Burgers

Week 10 No lunch orders- Sports Day.



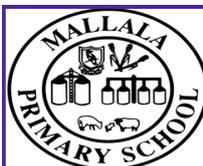
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