

## Respect, Excellence, Perseverance, Diversity



# Mallala Primary School

### From our Leadership Team

#### SSO WEEK

This week we have celebrated our SSOs for all of the tireless work they do to support our students and teachers. The role of the SSO is very different to **years past when the Teacher's Aid (showing my age)** spent most of their days cutting, photocopying, laminating and making resources. Today's SSOs have numerous and varied skills that directly support our students to engage with their learning. Over the past few years the number of SSOs at the school has grown significantly with the needs of our children. Many children receive funding due to additional needs that may or may not be evident to others. In addition to special programmes such as yard play and intervention the majority of the funding enables us to provide one-to-one or small group support to children. The SSO role is not an easy one and we are very lucky here at Mallala to have a team that have the needs of our children at the forefront of everything they do. We thank them this week and every day when they walk in with smiles on their faces, ready to help make a difference to the lives and learning of our young people.

#### INTERVIEWS

By now you should have booked an interview with **your child's teacher via the school interviews app**. Bookings close off this afternoon for Week 7 school and Week 9 preschool interviews. The opportunity to **connect with your teachers to discuss your children's learning** is such an important one and we encourage you to take up this opportunity.

#### INFORMATION SESSION

Nicole and Kylie held a Parent Information Session on Wednesday at 2:30pm for Rooms 4 and 7. This session provided an opportunity for parents to ask any questions they may have about the workings of the classrooms and the benefits for children and their targeted learning. Thank you to the parents who came, there were some valuable questions asked and answered.

#### COMING EVENTS

As previously mentioned we are able to go ahead with planning events for the rest of this year – naturally with the knowledge that things can still **change at a moment's notice. Thank you again to all** of the parents who have been adhering to the requests to maintain appropriate social distancing and to the guidelines of remaining outside classrooms, corridors and the gated area between the JP classes. A reminder that Sports Day is planned for the last day of this term. further details

will be out shortly so keep a lookout. Monday 7 September is a School Closure Day and Tuesday 8 September a Student Free Day so please remember to make alternative arrangements for your children on these days.

Our Outdoor Classroom Day this year is going to another level as part of the day the students will be walking around Mallala on a Scavenger Hunt. Leah, Nicole and Jayne have been busily planning for this day and the Council is also supporting with some community event signs going up to keep our children safe while walking. Further information will come out prior to the event.

#### STAFF ABSENCES AND STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

As with all workplaces if sickness is evident it is a requirement that staff stay away and in many cases get COVID tested. This results in staff absences that require a Temporary Relief Teacher (TRT) to be called in to keep the learning program for our young people going. What we have been noticing is that a number of students believe the statements **"I don't get along with relief teachers"** or **"I only do what my real teacher tells me to"** absconds them from taking any responsibility for their own behaviour. This is not the case and is completely unfair on the qualified teacher who is coming in to provide the learning program left by the regular class teacher. This attitude and the behaviours that go along with it also causes disruption to the learning of other students as well as their own and then increases the workload of the teacher who has been ill as they follow up on the behaviours that have occurred the previous day. The job of a TRT is not an easy one as in most cases they do not know students by name and have to very quickly also learn the procedures within the different classrooms. We rely on our TRTs to maintain continuity and avoid the necessity of having to split children into different classes. Please talk to your children about treating every teacher they have with respect and fairness.

#### PRESCHOOL AND SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Last newsletter we reminded about preschool enrolments for 2021 being open and encouraged families to enrol children to ensure a space. We also encourage families to get their school enrolments in for 2021 reception. School enrolment is still a requirement even if your child attended our preschool. The sooner we know numbers the sooner we can start to make plans for classes.

Enjoy the sunshine as we head into Spring

Sharon, Luke and Kirsty

**Term: 3**

**Week: 6**

**Date: Friday 28th  
August**

### Key Dates...

School Closure Day  
Monday September 7th

Pupil Free Day  
Tuesday September 8th

Governing Council  
Tuesday September 8th  
7pm

School Dentist Visit  
Week 8



*Class Value Awards*

Hunter Brooke  
Ethan Packham  
Troy Hornby  
Caitlin Maxwell  
Tameika West  
Olivia Blackham  
Jasper Hughes  
Bailey Gejas  
Holly Dean  
Willow Mattschoss  
Sophia Martin

*Humanity Awards*

Jorja Schutt  
Ryan Christoff  
Macauley Kerrigan  
Connor Mason  
Jacob Helps  
Max Lange  
Cooper Barker-Heyman



*Preschool Awards*

Cooper Barker-Heyman  
Max Lange  
Jacob Helps  
Hunter Brooke



*PE  
Award  
Room 4*

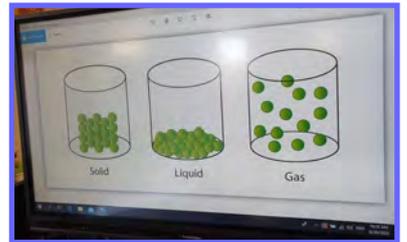
*Korean  
Award  
Room 3*

*The Arts  
Award  
Room 5*

*Observers  
Award  
Room 1*



## Science - with Mr Hooker



Evaporation  
and  
Condensation  
as part of the  
Water Cycle

## Playgroup with Peta

What a beautiful morning we had at Playgroup this week. The sun certainly had his hat on and the children were able to spend most of the time outside enjoying the sunshine and fresh air. This week the children made colourful masks and they enjoyed having music on, while playing ball games on the grass. Playgroup is such a good starting point for the children to mix, learn sharing and social skills, while their parents and carers get to enjoy a coffee and a chat. Hope to see you all next Wednesday.

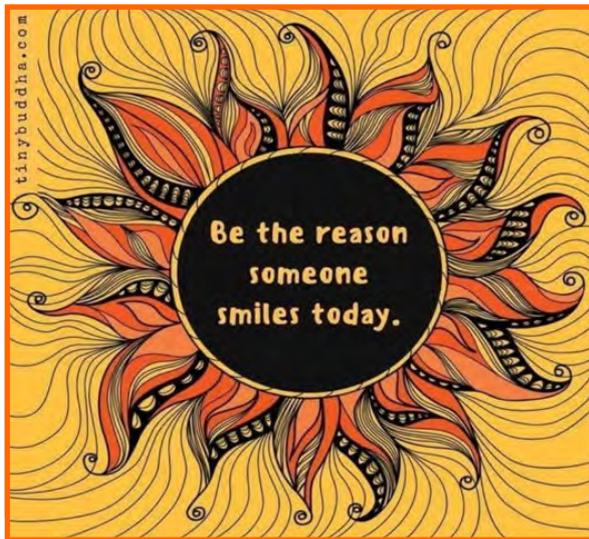


## Jayne's Community Corner

It is so nice to walk around the school at different times of the day, and on different days of the week and see so many different faces.

These 'different faces' are our fantastic volunteers that take time out of their day or week to come and help make a difference to our students' school day.

We have people volunteering from many different areas. Parents, grandparents,



members of local community groups, members of our community and even people from different communities that just want to help make a difference!

- \* Our Friday Fresh Lunches run by Family and friends have been going really well this term.
- \* Breakfast Club continues to be a hit with so many – especially on days when there is hot, cooked food.
- \* The Reading Programme continues to make such a difference to so many.
- \* Altarama Revegetation Group is just about to move onto the next area of revegetation development.

If you think you would like to help out and make a difference, or you think there is something the students could be involved in, please contact Jayne or call the front office.

**[Jayne.tiller14@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Jayne.tiller14@schools.sa.edu.au)**

### *Student Profile - Evan Cawrse - Writing a Book*

Evan Cawrse chose to create his book on farming. With the knowledge he has from his dad on the family farm, Evan has written his story on farm machinery, what it does and where it is stored. Evan added colourful illustrations to his pages which completed his first ever book.

Well done Evan!



### ***Being the Author of your own book!***



## Being mean and Bullying...What is the difference?



Is bullying and being mean the same thing or are they different? There are so many opinions out there around this subject and it can be quite confusing, so here are some of the facts surrounding this subject.

There is no doubt about it that bullies are unkind to others but one very important thing to remember is that **“Not every unkind thing that kids do is bullying”**. Yes, bullies will push, shove, name call, use aggression and cyberbully...but bullying is repetitive. Many children will speak without thinking about how others will feel. It is really important that we as adults address this and role model the correct behaviours. If we give our kids the right tools to express their feelings and communicate with, they will learn to take ownership of their words and become assertive in the correct ways. All kids will fight and bicker, it is a part of growing up and again this is not bullying. Joking and teasing becomes bullying and over stepping the line, only when there is conscious decision to deliberately hurt another person. People who bully tend to be jealous of others, have been bullied themselves, like control, and want to be liked by others. One important thing for us to remind our young people is, if they are being bullied or **teased don't retaliate by doing the behaviours back to the person;** that will only fuel the situation, ask an adult for help, advice and support, that is what we are here for.

*There are three elements to Bullying:*

- *Imbalance of power*
- *A repetition of Hurtful Behaviours*
- *The intention to inflict harm*



*Tina Anson*

## Outdoor Classroom Day Preparation

Rooms 1 and 7 have been doing some prep work for our upcoming Outdoor Classroom day. Without giving too much away, there will be a supervised walk involving some important areas of the town. We managed to dodge the rain and do some important planning. Stay tuned!



## Parent and Community Information



Time is running out to get your sheets in for the 2020 Premiers Reading Challenge.

If you need a new record sheet please see your teacher or call into the library for a copy.

Parents and caregivers please note.

There has been a change of date for the 'student only school event' the MINI MARKET.

It will now be held on Thursday 10th September at recess and lunch time.

Students can purchase items priced \$1-\$5.

Funds raised will be going towards the 'Boxes of Love'.

Thank you for your support  
The Learning Design Team.



Family and Friends of Mallala  
Primary School

# Fathers Day Stall

Tuesday 1st September  
In the Gym.

ITEMS PRICED \$1-\$5  
(MAXIMUM SPEND \$10)

## Breakfast Club

We continue to have good numbers of students that pop in for breakfast on Monday-Thursday mornings.

We always encourage ALL students to 'pop in' and grab something to help them all have the best start to their day of learning.

Last week we asked our families and our community if they were able to help with any donations of bread, jam, margarine or fruit.

We are so very pleased to say that we have had some very generous donations to help keep our students bellies full. We really appreciate any support, and anything you can spare.

THANK YOU



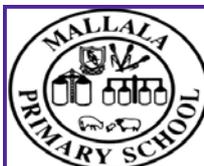
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