

Respect, Excellence, Perseverance, Diversity



Mallala Primary School

From our Leadership Team

Well that certainly was an up and down couple of weeks but it has become quite the normal this year. Once again we thank everyone for their flexibility and understanding around the changes that have been a part of 2020.

It was essential to finally come to an agreement about the Concert and Graduation ceremonies in particular. We waited as long as possible however the most recent outbreak and lockdown with advice about new restrictions not coming out until December 1st meant that we needed to stick to decisions made. As you would be aware from the most recent note home, this year's concert will be videoed and placed onto our website so that families can access when it suits them and watch it together with their children. We have sourced a Clare company to do this professionally and from conversations it sounds like something we may include in future years along with the live audience. We understand that it is disappointing not being able to view the concert live, however on the positive side you will have a physical memory that can be revisited well into the future. Our preschool children and Year 7 students will be performing for their parents at their respective graduation ceremonies.

Yesterday you received forms to update permissions for each of your children. These must be back by Monday morning at the latest in order for your child to be able to be in the video recording of the concert. The video will be uploaded to our website so permission for children is essential. Please note that names of children will not be included for identification. If you choose for your child not to be on the web, they will still perform in the non-recorded performance for staff and peers.

We have been busy working on the Budget for next year and I am excited to say that we will still be running with 7 classes next year. We have the largest group of Year 7s in a number of years graduating this year and some year 6s moving to high school in the private sector. We will be able to maintain class sizes at quite low numbers. It would be really appreciated that you let us know through a phone call or note to the Front Office if your child is not returning to

us next year. If you know of someone who has talked of enrolling but has not done so yet, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. The sooner numbers are finalised the easier it is to ensure that we can get class lists out to families in Week 10.

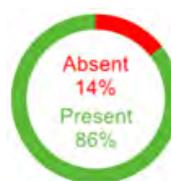
There are some staff changes next year. We will farewell Kirsty Jeffery, Wellbeing Leader who has won a Deputy Principal position within the education section of the Women's and Children's Hospital. Kirsty will be greatly missed and we highly value all of the work she has done while here at Mallala. We know that she will do a wonderful job in her new position. Cheryl Burr is taking the year off on LSL before retiring in 2022. Cheryl has been at Mallala so many years it will certainly be different not seeing her around. Stephanie Radowicz and Mandy Tiller are both taking Term 1 off on LSL.

Melissa Sinkinson returns to our Pre-school next year. I caught up with Melissa this week and she has certainly gained new knowledge from her position as Director at Angle Vale and is looking forward to sharing this with children, staff and families in 2021. We say farewell to Mary Woolley who has done a wonderful job filling Melissa's shoes during Term 3 and 4. We were very lucky to have been able to get someone of Mary's experience at that time of year and appreciate all she has done. We would also like to congratulate Mary on winning a new position – we need to wait for the formalities to be finalised before announcing the location, but wish her every success. At this stage we are hoping to have our contract teachers back, however we won't know this information until later in the term.

Stay cool over this very hot weekend
Sharon, Luke and Kirsty



Year to Date (2020)



Previous Week

Term: 4

Week: 7

**Date: Friday 27th
November**

Key Dates...

Preschool Graduation

8th December

Reports go Home

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Year 7 Graduation

Thursday 10th December

Last Day of Term

Friday 11th December

2.15pm Finish

Term 1 2021 Begins

Wednesday 27th January

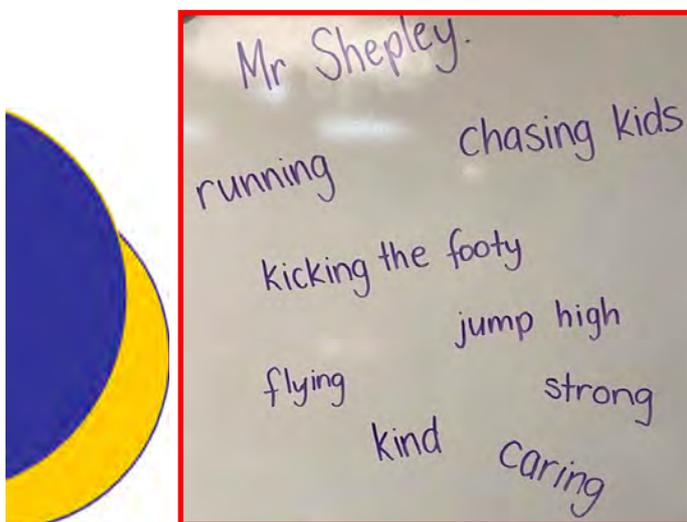
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Room 4 - Mr Shepley The Super Hero



Mr Shepley dropped into Room 4 to say hello to Mrs McGoran and students on Wednesday, while he was there, Levi told him that he was a Super Hero. A very surprised Mr Shepley asked Levi what powers he thought he might have, Mrs McGoran decided to do some brainstorming with her students for literacy and this is what they came up with.



Everyone loves cooking with Tameaka and last weeks recipe was a winner “Nutella Hand Pies” with fresh strawberries grown by the SAKGP. Tameaka oversees the process with a watchful eye, while encouraging the group of students to take turns and work together.



Student Profile—Ethan Packham



This week we are acknowledging the outstanding achievements of Year 7 student Ethan Packham. The task in the STEM lesson was to design a trunk that had a lid and handles and that could hold the weight of an apple. Ethan's engineering skills were very evident with the welding of his trunk. Well done Ethan

A night at the Movies

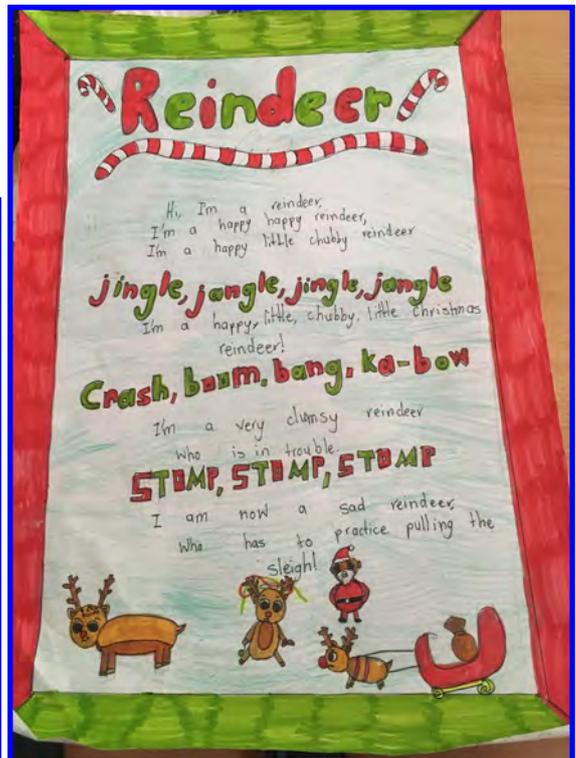
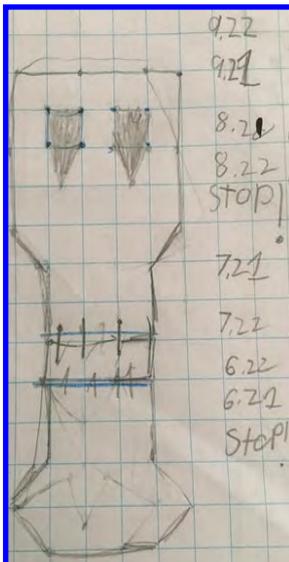


Room 5 Christmas Pots and Rice paper Christmas Decorations





Room 1 have a few projects on the go this term, Piper is pictured holding her 15th Century Chinese Ship that she has created, In technology. The class is now at the next stage of painting their clay sculptures Aleisha is pictured with her finished sculpture and is now creating a video using iMovie. In maths the students have been working on coordinates. Jasper has work exceptionally well on this topic.



Parent and Community Information

Uniform News

New BHS Spray Jacket

We have added a new spray jacket to the school uniform. It is a zip up navy blue jacket with the school logo and words Balaklava High School on it and is available from TADS for \$70.

Order Your New Summer Uniform

As the weather starts to warm, we will again have a BHS Summer Dress available for students to pre-order. The cost of the dress is \$85 and we are required to order a minimum of 10 to maintain this pricing. If you are interested in buying a dress for summer, please let us know, by phone

88620600 or email Elly.Rankin592@schools.sa.edu.au.

If there is enough interest shown, we will have sample uniforms to ascertain the correct size. You will then be required to complete an order request form and make payment. No dresses will be ordered without prior payment.

Thank you.



FREE FOOD HAMPERS

This season has been incredibly tough for so many of us. If you are struggling, please know that you are not alone. As a school, we want to be able to support you in whatever season of life you are in without any judgement. If you are currently struggling financially, we would love to help.

We have teamed up with Modbury UCare, to provide FREE food hampers to anyone who needs it at any time. These hampers can be catered to the size of your family and also any dietary requirements you may have. If you or someone you know would be interested in receiving a food hamper, please contact our Pastoral Care Worker, Steph Gauci via email: Steph.Gauci951@schools.sa.edu.au or by phoning the front office.

This is the time of the year when we are looking at classes for next year. If you think your child will not be attending Mallala Primary School next year could you please contact the front office or your class teacher asap.

Thankyou in advance

The Leadership Team



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