

Respect, Excellence, Perseverance, Diversity



Mallala Primary School

From our Leadership Team

What a fantastic start to the year we have had! Students are enjoying their new classes and already making new friendships and re-establishing old ones. We would also like to welcome some new additions to our staff team. Anne Thomas has been appointed as our new Wellbeing Leader and is quickly getting to know the students by visiting and working in classes. Anne comes to us with a wealth of experience in wellbeing and leadership at Barossa schools. Nathan Williams has spent the last two years at Blakeview Primary School and joins us in room 3 teaching our Year 6/7 class. Nathan has already developed great relationships with the students and is very much looking forward to the year. Sarah Robinson is a familiar face to us in varying roles at Mallala and this year joins us as the Year 1 teacher in Room 4. The bee theme in room 4 is going down a treat with the students and they are very excited to take the 'throne' on her 100 year old seat. Jade Croft joins Kylie McGoran in our preschool and is settling well into the new environment. Chelsea Bennett has taken on The Arts role while Stephanie Radowicz is on leave.

The following is a list of teachers with their classes and roles:

Preschool—Kylie McGoran / Jade Croft

Room 1 - Year 3/4 Leah Tynan

Room 2 - Year 5/6 Keryn Birbeck / Karina Leonello

Room 3 - Year 6/7 Nathan Williams

Room 4 - Year 1 Sarah Robinson

Room 5 - Year 2/3 Chelsea Bennett / Jarrad Hooker

Room 6 - Year 2 Jeniffer Pearson / Rebecca Lee

Room 7 - Reception Nicole Lindner / Mandy Tiller

Health/PE- (M, T, W) Jarrad Hooker

Korean - (M, T) Rebecca Lee

The Arts - (Th, F) Chelsea Bennett

We have been fortunate to be able to have many of our SSOs working with us again in 2021 and welcome Leeanne Work back in the Finance position for the year. Other SSOs who do their amazing work in various positions within the school and preschool are: Tina

Anson, Nicky Graham, Stephanie Helps, Peta Lovell, Sharna Wildbore, Tameaka Darby, Neville Welch, Kerri Rohrlach, Beck Coles, Caitlin Jacques, Mitchell McIntyre, Laura Andrews, Kristine Brazel and Billie Stanley.

COMING EVENTS

It is exciting to know that we are able to once again hold many of the events and activities that the students love so please keep your eye out for the notes coming home and the dates included in the Newsletter. Swimming kicks this off in week 3, followed by our annual Open Morning on the Thursday of week 4. The Footsteps dance program is happening for all students R-7 from week 5 to week 10. There will be an exciting Magic Show direct from the Fringe Festival visiting us with Sports Day on the last day of Term. It has been arranged for a change in preschool days for that week so that our preschool children can once again join us for the day. It is important to us that all children are able to participate in the planned events so please remember to contact Leeanne Work should you require support with any of the costs involved in any of the incursions/excursions.

VOLUNTEERS

Many of our volunteer activities are able to start up again including the Reading Program, Breakfast Club and visits with the local community. If you are interested in volunteering at the school or have any suggestions/ideas for increasing the school and student connection with the community, keep an eye on your letter box for a volunteer information form or contact Jayne Tiller via the school.

GOVERNING COUNCIL AND AGM

A reminder that our Governing Council AGM is happening on Tuesday evening at 7pm followed by a brief Governing Council meeting to appoint positions. I encourage anyone interested in joining our governing council to come along to the meeting. Notes were sent home last week with a form that can be returned to the Office expressing interest in attending and/or nominating. Alternatively you can send an email to Sharon on the email address provided on this newsletter.

We look forward to catching up and re-connecting with families over the next few weeks.

Sharon, Luke and Anne

Term: 1

Week: 3

**Date: Monday
8th February**

Key Dates...

Monday 8th - Friday 12th

February

Swimming Week

Tuesday 9th February

Governing Council

AGM Meeting

Thursday 18th February

Assembly

Hosted by Room 2

Thursday 18th February

Open Class Morning

Monday 8th March

Public Holiday

Adelaide Cup



Class Value Awards

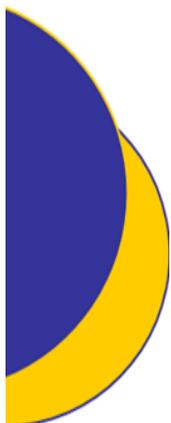
- Cooper Molloy
- Levi Lanzon
- Jonathan Vincent
- Annabel Helps
- Cruze Pitson
- JackDanniel Garland
- Kaleah Quinn
- Ryan Barker
- Tessa Taylor
- Toby Delaney
- Tyson Keogh
- Blake Hornhardt
- Phoenix Quinn

Humanity Awards

- Hannah Lamont
- Kaley Weir-Jovanovic



*Observers
Award
Room 4*



The Seven Steps—Mr Shepley

Seven Steps to Writing Success

This year we are very excited to be implementing the 'Seven Steps to Writing Success' program across R-7. Specifically targeted to imaginative and persuasive writing, the program teaches students the seven steps to improve writing. It is an easy and motivating writing program that students enjoy to engage with.

We ask students to think of each step as the building blocks to great writing. Isolating writing skills into individual steps ensuring students don't get 'bogged down' with writing the whole piece.

Students gain confidence in each writing skill and then they pull it all together to become creative and engaging writers. This year we have also made writing a whole school focus area so that writing lessons and practice of each skill are taking place regularly.

The steps aren't necessarily taught in sequence, with many classes starting at Step 2: Sizzling Starts.

Children often start their stories with the fairytale convention, "Once upon a time..." or start at the beginning of the day, the start of the week, or even the first day of school holidays. They don't start where the action begins and often record every sequential event that occurs leading up to the exciting part they want to write about.

When reading with your child, look at the opening paragraph and how the author starts the story to draw the reader in and leave them wanting to read more. Next time you're watching a movie with your children, see how a movie begins with lots of action to grab your attention. Action movies and most Pixar films are especially good at this.

Students are being encouraged to share books they've found and talk about movies they've seen with Sizzling Starts...so don't be surprised to be hearing

this phrase a lot in coming months when discussing your child's school day.

It's certainly been a great start to the school year; though with the milder weather, it could be said to be less than sizzling! (Dad joke #1 for 2021 right there).

Luke Shepley
Senior Leader

The Seven Steps are:

- Step 1 **Plan for Success**
- Step 2 **Sizzling Starts**
- Step 3 **Tightening Tension**
- Step 4 **Dynamic Dialogue**
- Step 5 **Show, Don't Tell**
- Step 6 **Ban the Boring**
- Step 7 **Exciting Endings / Endings with Impact**

SAKGP - Rooms 1 and 7 Scavenger Hunt

All students took part in a Scavenger Hunt around the kitchen & Garden areas, this was to our new students learn where the tools and equipment is all kept. Students had to draw each item as they found it.



Room 1 - Miss Tynan "Marble Runs"

Room 1 began the year making "Marble Runs" as their first practical STEM lesson.. They recycled boxes and needed to use at least two different materials to construct them with. It was all about Team work and problem solving. It was also a great way of helping the students to get to know each other if they didn't already as they begin the new year in a different class. They will now share their creations with their buddy class Room 7.



Room 6 - Mrs Pearson



Students in Room 6 did a great job of threading this week. Mrs Pearson set the task of putting a black straw between every other piece they were adding to their mobile. Well done, they look beautiful.



Jayne's Community Corner

What a fantastic start to 2021 it has been.

We are really excited to welcome our volunteers back to school after a break late in term 4.

Reading Programme.

This Thursday morning (11th February at 9:30am) there will be a brief training session in the library. It will give you a few ideas around supporting the students with their reading. If you are interested in joining us, please let myself, Nicole or the front office know.

You can still come along, even if you don't have your 'Working with Children Check' yet. It is just so you can see if you would be interested in supporting the students. If you have done it previously, please get preferred days to us.

The Reading Programme runs each morning from 9-10am. You can nominate a day that suits you best, and if you would prefer once a week or fortnight.

Ice Block Fridays.

Family and Friends of Mallala Primary School sell ice blocks at recess time in Term 1 and 4. It only takes half an hour and it's great to say hi to all the students. If you can spare a Friday this term, please let us know.

For any other information around volunteering or you have any suggestions, please contact me on;

0419 816 109 jayne.tiller14@schools.sa.edu.au or leave a message at the office for me.

Looking forward to seeing you at our school soon.

Jayne Tiller
Community Engagement Officer



New School Sign

We are thrilled with our new school sign, that is located on the front office building wall. It will hopefully promote the front office to new families who are not familiar with the school and also gives the building a sharp, fresh look.



Korean - With Miss Rebecca



Miss Rebecca has introduced Korean Horoscope to her students this week, one class was busy cutting, colouring and then matching names to each Symbol to complete the chart.



Parent and Community Information

Lost Property Box

The Lost Property Box fills very quickly here at school and we all know that having to purchase new jumpers and hats can become costly, so please pop your child's name on all items of clothing (especially this week with swimming)

The lost property box is located in the library foyer please feel free to pop in and check for anything that may belong to your child.

If it is labelled we can easily return it to your child's class.

Thank you in advance.



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Mallala Primary School is proud to partner with Happy Haven OSHC to provide an Out of School Hours care service for our school community.

At Happy Haven OSHC Mallala we offer the following care for kindy and school-aged children

Before School Care 6:30am - 8:30am

After School Care 3:15pm - 6:00pm

Pupil Free Day 7:00am - 6:00pm

Vacation Care 7:00 - 6:00pm

Early School Finish 2:15pm - 6:00pm

If your children require care or you would like further information, please contact Happy Haven OSHC

call: 8155 5444

email: mallala@happyhaven.sa.edu.au

visit: www.happyhaven.sa.edu.au/mallala

Breakfast Club

Welcome to Term 1, great to see students coming in for some breakfast or a top up 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.

Breakfast Club. We serve Breakfast Mon, Tue, Wed and Thurs mornings from 8:30-9am. Volunteers are here from 8-9:10am.

If you would like help out, please let us know. As with the reading programme, you can also nominate if you wish to do once a week, once a fortnight or once a term. The students always love meeting people from our community. We are always looking for donations of bread, fresh fruit, margarine, jam and eggs. If you can help out in anyway, the students and staff would be very grateful.

Thank you in advance



ALL JUNIOR PLAYERS WELCOME

The Mallala Netball Club invites all Junior players to register for this coming netball season. Junior registrations are now open please see the clubs Facebook page and follow the link MYNETBALL. Choose the most suitable registration for your child. Sports vouchers are available through www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au.

Registrations will close on the 11th March.

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

More information:

President: Amy Cawrse phone: 0413286735

Secretary: Nicky Graham phone 0438131656

Email:



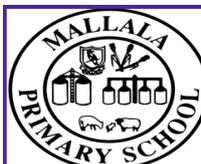
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