

*Respect, Excellence, Perseverance, Diversity*



# Mallala Primary School

## *From our Leadership Team*

We hope you all had a lovely long weekend and made the most of the beautiful weather. Adelaide is certainly alive at the moment with the Fringe events and I have certainly enjoyed catching a couple of quality shows.

Our second Governing Council meeting is next Tuesday evening from 7pm and we are still looking for more parents willing to join us and have input into some of the school decisions that impact our families and students. If you are interested in joining us please give me a call via the front office or email me on [Sharon.okmasich583@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Sharon.okmasich583@schools.sa.edu.au). Our Governing Council meetings are friendly and relaxed occasions and we welcome new members.

Our Working Bee saw a huge amount of work being done and we finally have the next stage of our chill out area on the small oval completed. The area is still roped off at this stage so that we can give the plants and trees a chance to get stronger. Down the track we may look at increasing the shade within the space. Thank you to the staff and families who came to help on the Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. This support enables us to continue to improve our school for the students now and into the future. With this area completed for now we can focus on the Playgroup outside space and really get stuck into Altarama.

Last Thursday I facilitated a volunteer Reporting Abuse and Neglect: Education and Care Training for volunteers and was thrilled with the turnout of 11 new and existing volunteers who came along. Each volunteer demonstrated the passion and care that we are becoming so accustomed to. I am constantly in awe in regard to the support that our families and community show to help our students and school.

School interviews will be held in Week 10

with information about how to book coming out within the next week. We continue to use the online schoolinterviews process as it makes it easier to be able to coordinate times with more than one teacher. It is extremely important that parents book a time to meet with their child's teacher so that strong connections are made, any concerns can be addressed and our young people see that we are all working together with their best interests at the centre.

You will have noticed that in each Newsletter we place the Department generated Attendance rates for our school. The blue circle identifies the year to date sitting at 91%; this is a steady number for us that we would love to see increase by another few %. Pleasingly our last week data shows that 98% of our students were at school with only 2% absent. This is a number that would be fantastic to see on a more regular basis. It is a legal requirement for all children once enrolled at school to attend regularly. Poor attendance also has significant impacts on student learning, wellbeing and building friendships. If you are having difficulty getting your child to school and would like support please contact the Front Office.

Enjoy the short working week

Sharon, Luke and Anne

## **SCHOOL CARD**

**Thank you to families who have paid or contacted the office regarding a payment plan. To apply for School Card, please go online to;**

**[sa.gov.au/educational/schoolcard](http://sa.gov.au/educational/schoolcard) or please contact the office for assistance.**

*Term: 1*

*Week: 6*

*Date: Friday 5th  
March*

## *Key Dates...*

**Thursday 11th March  
The Magician Fringe  
Show**

**Tuesday 16th March  
Governing Council  
7pm**

**Friday 9th April  
Sports Day  
Last Day of Term 1  
2.15pm finish**



*Class Value Awards*

Chelsea Diegmann  
 Oakley Hackett  
 Aneeka Arts  
 Tori McMillan  
 Mahalia Ward  
 Miranda White  
 Faith Quinn  
 Aleisha Baker  
 Tameika West  
 Anika Molloy  
 Zarli Barker  
 Bailey Gejas  
 Bailey Richards  
 Archer White  
 Benji Naulty  
 Mason Amor  
 Alec Kluske  
 Dean McMillan  
 Deegan Arts

*Humanity Awards*

Dakota Pitson  
 Kathleen Pym  
 Bodhi Darby  
 Oliver Griffiths



## The Seven Steps to Writing Success—Mr Shepley

### SEVEN STEPS TO WRITING SUCCESS

#### STEP 1: PLAN FOR SUCCESS

#### **“I don’t know what to write about!”**

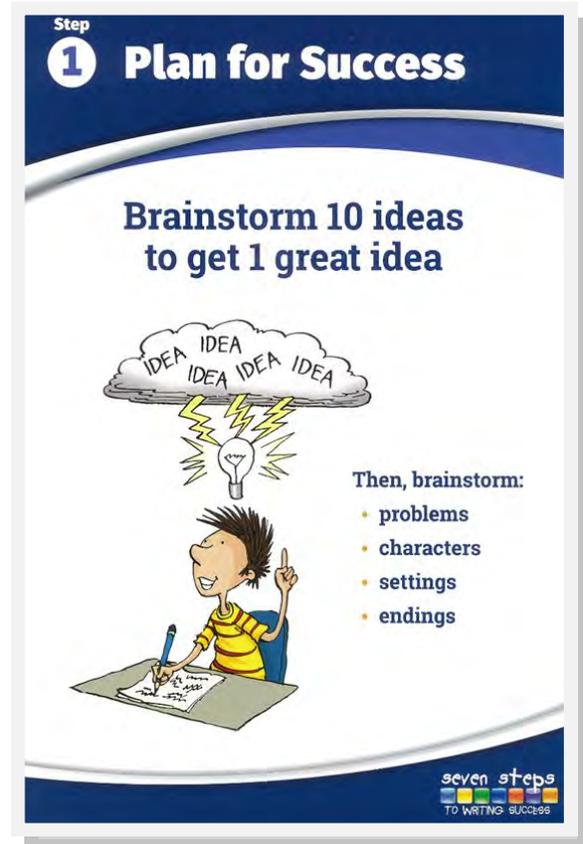
With NAPLAN rapidly approaching (beginning on Tuesday of Week 3, Term 2) a common observation I've made when supervising the Writing test in previous years, is that when students are given their 10 minutes planning time, many don't utilise this time effectively and complete this 10 minutes with a blank page in front of them. Those that do get ideas onto paper just latch onto their first idea and start writing their narrative or persuasive text on their planning page. They then transfer this word for word into their test booklet once the writing test begins.

#### **“If you need ONE great idea... brainstorm 10 and pick the best.”**

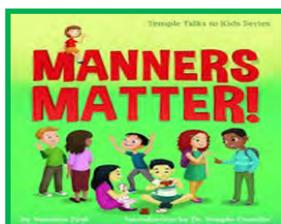
To be original, you need to have LOTS of ideas, so classes are practising brainstorming and generating ideas often. Verbal comes before written, so these brainstorming sessions are usually conducted with students working in small groups. They may be given a topic or title to brainstorm (eg. “The Worst Day Ever”), or a stimulus word (eg. “RUN”) and time to brainstorm 10 ideas collaboratively. Once students are familiar with this process, scaffolded by multiple practise sessions working with others, the process

of brainstorming should be second nature before engaging in writing tasks.

Luke Shepley  
Senior Leader



## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program



This week in SAKGP we prepared and cooked 5 different dishes, we were very lucky to have three volunteers to assist us with this. We also practised setting the table and using table manners, these are important parts of everyday life but very important when eating out and sharing food with others.

### *Around The Classes*



Great to see some outdoor learning while the weather is nice.



Footsteps is proving to be popular again this year, with some great moves happening from all year levels.



## *Jayne's Community Corner Coffee and Op Shop*

On Thursday 4th March Sharon Okmasich conducted a 2 hour training course for 11 of our volunteers.

The training shortened to RAN is Responding to Abuse and Neglect.

This training is required as a part of your Working with Children Clearance.

If you were unable to attend the face to face training you can head to the online component and complete it. Please go to this website to logon and complete it. [www.education.sa.gov.au](http://www.education.sa.gov.au) and search "Responding to Abuse and Neglect Training, Volunteers online course."

We are always looking for new volunteers to help our students with their reading, Breakfast Club, Ice Block selling, and helping with Friday Fresh Lunches or the Kitchen Garden program.

If you would like to help out or have some ideas or suggestions for our students at the school or within our community, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Have a great week!

Jayne Tiller

Community Engagement Officer

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## *Occasional Care with Sharna and Kerri*



Sensory play has been a big hit at occasional care and this week has been no different. We experimented with "cloud dough" and the children loved it. When we asked the children what it felt like they said like breakfast cereal, soft, playdough, sand and squishy.



## Parent and Community Information

### Netsetgo

*Registrations are now open for all juniors*

**NET** - is for 5-6 yr olds and is all about picking up the basic movement skills. Get ready to run and play a lot of ball games and just have fun. The program starts Term 2.

**SET** - is for 7-8 yr olds and is more netball focused, involving practice matches, learn to pivot and work on some lightning passes and importantly have a lot of fun. The program starts Term 2

**GO** - is for 9-10 year olds building on the fundamental, play modified netball

matches on a Saturday morning and enjoy some advanced netball drills to enhance skills, while having fun. This program starts on March 11th..

<https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?type=6&id=93937&entityid=44171>



### United FC COLTS TRAINING

All grades Starting  
March 25th @ 4:30pm  
@ Long Plains Oval...

**FREE SUBS FOR 2021 SEASON**

Contact

Mark Pym



### 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](http://www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au).

Registrations will close on the 11th March.

**NEW PLAYERS WELCOME: 10~17 years**

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