

Respect, Excellence, Perseverance, Diversity



Mallala Primary School

From our Leadership Team

Welcome back to the new term. I would like to acknowledge the fantastic Sports Day that rounded out the end of a busy first term. The initial thorough planning that went into the day by Jarrad Hooker enabled Leah Tynan and her team to jump in at the last minute to lead the day due to Jarrad being extremely unwell. We know that Sports Day is one of **Jarrad's highlights of the year and he was most upset** about not being able to be here. A huge thank you to Leah, Nicole, Jayne, Tina and Nicky for getting all of the final prep sorted. Our volunteers were out in full force cooking the barbecue, selling coffee and cakes for Morning Tea, recording results, helping with pack-up, supporting teachers, encouraging students – the list goes on - to help make the day an outstanding success. Thank you to all staff, students, volunteers and parents for their support.

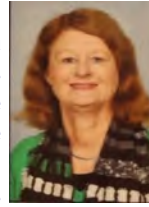
During last term we had a discussion about the timing of the newsletters being sent out. Most of our whole site events, including Assemblies, occur on the even week Thursday to enable our preschool children to participate. With newsletters traditionally being sent out on the following day this is a very short timeline for getting photos and information out to families. Due to this you will find that newsletters will now be uploaded to our website by the Monday of odd weeks and sent out to families who have identified that they prefer a hard copy on the same day. The newsletter is an important information tool as it keeps you updated with things that are happening around the school and also celebrates the achievements of our students. Please keep an eye **out in your child's bag this week for a Term 2** calendar that will also help to keep you informed of the events planned for this term.

Our website address is <https://mallalac7.sa.edu.au/> and in addition to the Newsletter and Calendar holds other school information such as policies, agreements and the Site Improvement Plan. We established the new website a couple of years ago and endeavour to keep information updated regularly.

We would like to welcome a new teacher, Matthew Window to our team. Matthew will be working four days per week alongside Karina Leonello in Room 2. Matthew is replacing Keryn Birbeck who is on extended sick leave throughout the term. He has already started to develop great relationships with the students due to working with the class in the final two weeks of Term 1. We know that you will all make Matthew feel welcome.

At the end of last term, Stephanie Radowicz confirmed with me her retirement from teaching. Stephanie had taken long service leave for Term 1 to

ponder this huge decision. Stephanie has been at Mallala Primary School for around 30 years and has been instrumental in the amazing School Concerts over the years. Stephanie will be invited back as a special guest at this **year's Concert to enable the** students and families to wish her well and say goodbye. We thank Stephanie for the passion and commitment she has shown the Mallala school community and greatly appreciate all of her wonderful work over the years. Chelsea Bennett will continue in the Arts position for the rest of the year **and has already started to plan for this year's** concert. It would have been obvious from the Sports Day warm-up that Chelsea has a dance background so we are excited to see the class performances later this year.



School photos are booked for Wednesday, week 2 with a catch-up day on the Friday. Over the last few years we have run with the college style class photo with individual pictures of students and teachers collated onto the single page. This style is preferred by the majority of schools for a variety of reasons. Any students or teachers absent on the day are able to have their individual photo taken on the catch up day and included in the final grouping. The standing/seated group photos take quite a bit of time during the day which impacts on the normal class program and learning time. In this format any absent students and teachers can only be identified by a list at the bottom of the page. Last term we sent out a survey via Skoolbag to determine preference by parents with regard to the style of class photo that is taken. As the response for changing back to the old style group photo was only 10% of families we will again run with the college style. We thank all of the families who responded and acknowledge that some may not be pleased with the outcome.

NAPLAN occurs in week 3 and week 4 of this term. The reading, writing and mathematics assessments are completed by years 3, 5 and 7 students and testing will be spread over these two weeks. Parents with students that are eligible for exemption would have been contacted by Luke Shepley last term. If you have any concerns or queries about the testing **please don't hesitate to contact Luke.**

We look forward to catching up with you all at some point during the term.

Kind Regards

Sharon, Luke and Anne

Term: 2

Week: 1

Date: Tuesday 27th April

Key Dates...

Tuesday 27th April

First Day of Week 1

Term 2

Wednesday 5th May

Advance Life School Photos

Family Group envelopes are available from the front office

Friday 7th May

Photo Catch-up Day

Tuesday 11th May

Governing Council

7pm

Materials & Services Charges 2021

Thank you to the families / caregivers who have paid, requested to pay in instalments or applied for School Card. If you would like to organise a payment plan please speak to Leeanne Work our Finance Officer. If you believe you are eligible for School Card for 2021 you can apply online at:

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>



Or please see Leeanne Work or our front office staff for the appropriate form.

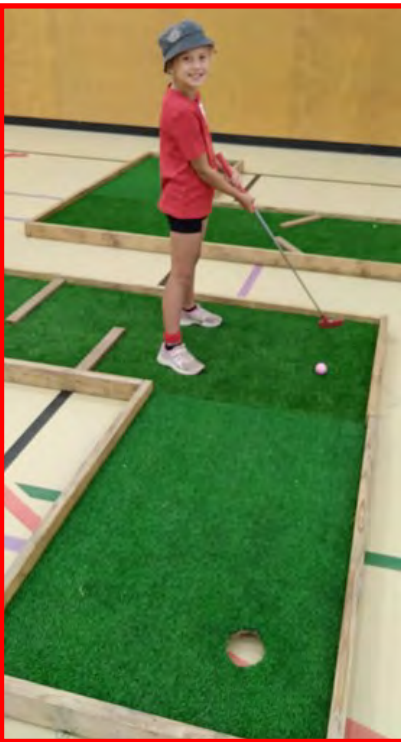
Assembly Hosted by Room

The weather was very kind to us for our Sports Day this year, staff and students enjoyed all the activities set up on both ovals and also for something a little different, Mini Golf in the Gym.

Many thanks to Miss Tynan, Mrs Lindner, staff and volunteers who stepped up to fill the shoes of Mr Hooker who was away sick. A fun day was had by all. Well done to all 3 Teams.



Sports Day—Last Day of Term 1



1ST: PHILLIPS
2ND: BUTLER
3RD: ROWE



Parent and Community Information



Netsetgo

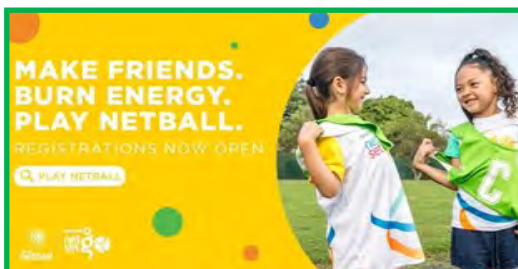
Registrations are now open for all juniors

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 lightening 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>



LOST PROPERTY

Please remember that if you label your child's drink bottles, containers and clothing, we can always return items when found.



advancedlife

school photography & print specialists

Mallala Primary School

School photos for 2021 will be taken on Wednesday 5th May

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

School photos are scheduled to be taken by Advanced Photography in Week 2 on Wednesday 5th May. Envelopes have gone out for returning payment in cash (on the day), but payments online are preferred; this reduces administration and potential security issues related to cash in envelopes. Cash photo payments are not processed through the school front office. If you can order and pay online please use this link and code:

www.advancelife.com.au

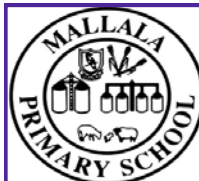
: PH8 MCW HX1

Portrait and group packages are due by 5th May and can be placed securely online.

If you wish to order sibling photos please do this no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photos will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Contact Details

Principal: Sharon Okmasich
Sharon.Okmasich583@schools.sa.edu.au
Phone: 85272240



Mallala Primary School

28 Owen Road, Mallala SA 5502
Phone 08 8527 2240
Fax 08 8527 2028

[https://mallalac7.sa.edu.au/.](https://mallalac7.sa.edu.au/)