

Respect, Excellence, Perseverance, Diversity



Mallala Primary School

From our Leadership Team

The term continues to be a busy one with some very important times ahead. National Reconciliation Week is celebrated across Australia each year from the 27 May to 3 June. These dates are significant as they commemorate two milestones in the reconciliation journey – the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. Reconciliation Australia's theme for 2021, **More than a word. Reconciliation take action**, urges towards braver and more powerful action from all Australians. 2021 marks almost 30 years of Australia's formal reconciliation process.

"Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures and futures."

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/>



EXTERNAL REVIEW

In Week 8 we will be involved in the mandatory 3 yearly External Review for all Department for Education sites. Our previous External Review was during my first year at Mallala in 2017 and with COVID interruptions it has come around again a year later than expected. The External Review process has a review panel of a trained reviewer and external principal at school for Tuesday 15th June and Wednesday 16th June, Week 8, talking with staff, students, Governing Council and parents. In class observations and presentations from leadership are also undertaken. I will be sending further information out by the end of Week 6 that will include details on how parents can have input into discussions regarding their child's education at Mallala.

NAPLAN

Well done to Luke and the staff for ensuring that NAPLAN ran smoothly with very few glitches this year. With the upgrades to our cabling system completed early last year we also did not have the

internet issues from the first online NAPLAN of 2019. Students were focused and we hope that their positive efforts and hard work are reflected in the outcomes that should be received early Term 3.

GOVERNING COUNCIL

Just a reminder that it is never too late in the year to put your name forward to join our Governing Council team. Governing Council are participating in training this week to upskill ourselves on protocols and gain a deeper insight into the roles and responsibilities. We have a really positive and supportive team of parents making up our Governing Council and would welcome new members. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact Sharon at the front Office or if you prefer we can guide you to a parent member that you can have a chat with.

FOOD WRAPPERS and RUBBISH

At Assembly last week students were spoken to about the ongoing rubbish issue in our beautiful yard. This is second to the significant environmental impact the large amount of non-recyclable packaging is having, therefore the decision has been made that students do not take food in wrappers outside during playtimes. Teachers will arrange within their classes for students to eat Recess either before or after the playbreak. Lunch already has a designated eating time so this should not be an issue. We encourage students to leave packaging at home and bring food to school in reusable plastic containers. Don't forget to label all containers clearly so that if they are misplaced we can return them to their rightful owners. We thank you in advance for your support. It has been incredible the difference this has made in just a couple of days.

A reminder also that drink bottles should be sent to school with water only in them. Most students keep their bottles on hand in the classroom and aside from the health benefits of drinking water; cordials, milk drinks and juices make a terrible mess if spilt. Please leave these alternative drinks for home.

Sharon, Luke and Anne



Term: 2

Week: 5

**Date: Wednesday
26th May**

Key Dates...

**Thurs May 27th - Thursday June
23rd**

Reconciliation Week

Friday June 4th

Bake Sale

Out the front of the Mallala IGA

Friday June 11th

Pupil Free day

Students do not attend school

Staff in Training

Monday June 14th

Queens Birthday

Public Holiday

Tuesday June 15th

Governing Council

6.30pm Staff Room

June 15th, 16th & 17th

External Review

Class Value Awards

Isaac Cawrse
Xavier Ruthenbeck
Meghan Amor
Jake Dean
Tris Moore
Brodie Barker
Lucy Waller
Jobe Walker
Declan Griffiths
Natalia Manolaros
Pippa Daniel
Mariah Scott
Mila Andrews

Humanity Awards

Tilly Daniel
Arlo Scott
Hamish Wildbore
Max Aston
Phoenix Quinn
Noah Quinn



*Observers
Award
Room 5*



Jayne's Community Corner - Mallala Museum

We were very fortunate on Thursday to have Marcus Strudwicke from the Mallala Museum attend our assembly, bringing with him another useful gadget from back in the days before we had factories and machinery. Marcus spoke about how Butter Churns were used and the process to making butter many years ago. Marcus has a wealth of knowledge to share with regard to the variety of items that are on display at The Mallala Museum. Marcus will continue to bring items in to share with us throughout the year.

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Room 4 and Mrs Robinson - Seeds and Beans



The students in Room 4 have been learning about how things grow and the different parts of a plant, the different stages of growth. For example; seeds, roots, stem and leaves. After growing bean stalks the students were keen to grow more things, with the help of their teacher Mrs Robinson they made "Grass Heads". These photos show the growth over just a few weeks.

Well done Room 4!



Around the Classes



Rooms 1 and 5, Miss Tynan and Mr Hooker - Science

Rooms 1, 5, Miss Tynan and Mr Hooker had a very interesting science lesson on Thursday. Their chemical science lesson was based around making mixtures and investigating the effects from it. The experiment was made up of; milk, dish washing liquid, food colouring and cotton buds. When you add food colouring to milk, then put a cotton bud that has been soaked in dish washing liquid into the milk, the colours separate from the milk. The fat molecules do not dissolve in milk, the colours give an eye catching outcome to the experiment. The students enjoyed hands on opportunity to give it a go for themselves.



Miss Anne, Rooms 3, 6 and 7 - Making Worry Dolls



Miss Anne has been working closely with students from Rooms 3, 6 and 7 on feelings and emotions, talking about how we react, respond and feel when our emotions get too big and not easy to control.

One of the worst feelings we have to deal with is "worry" and for our young people it is a heavy weight to carry around.

They read the book "Silly Billy by Anthony Browne", read the worry poem, then made their own Worry Dolls to keep. Any child that is anxious and worries about things can use these dolls. This is a good way to help them to verbalise their concerns, process their thoughts and manage their feelings. The dolls are also tiny enough to slip under their pillows at night.



SAKGP - Our New Grow and Share Cart

Our new "Grow and Share" trolley is now in place at the front gates of the school. As produce becomes available it will be placed on there for you to take and of course please feel free to put on there anything you have to share. Take a look at the size and shape of the carrot that Annabel is holding! Stay tuned for updates on what else we dig up from our garden beds!



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. 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.



Family and Friends

Friday Fresh Lunches

Week 5: Friday 28th May

Spring Roll and Apple & Blackcurrant Juice



Week 6: Friday 4th June

Pizza: Ham, Cheese, Pineapple
Choc Milk



Week 8: Friday 18th June

Cheeseburger
Meat patty, cheese and sauce
Tropical Juice



School zones, signs and restrictions around schools



Government of South Australia
Department of Planning
Transport and Infrastructure

School zones

School zones apply 24 hours a day, 7 days a week throughout the year.

What do they look like?

White zigzag lines are marked on the road, showing you are approaching a school zone. Signs indicate the start and end of school zones.



How do they work?

School zones have a speed limit of 25 km/h at any time when a child is in the zone, whenever a child is on the road, footpath, median strip, even if they are on a bike. A child is any person less than 18 years of age and includes a student of any age wearing school uniform.

What should pedestrians do?

Whenever pedestrians cross the road in a school zone they should use the STOP LOOK LISTEN THINK procedure.

What must drivers do?

All drivers, bike riders and motorcyclists must travel at no more than 25 km/h between the signs that state WHEN CHILDREN PRESENT.

Signs and restrictions around schools

Drivers must not stop at any time for any reason in an area marked NO STOPPING or NO STANDING.

Drivers must not stop in a NO PARKING zone unless for the immediate purpose of picking up or dropping off passengers. The driver must remain with their vehicle and be in the zone for no more than 2 minutes.

Some schools have drop off and pick up (kiss n drop, kiss and ride, pick up/drop off) zones. Some are situated on roads outside the school and others are within school grounds. Check with your child's school for any rules that apply when using these zones and be mindful that congestion in these zones increases the risk for children.

Drivers, bike riders and motorcyclists travelling in either direction must not exceed 25km/hr when passing a school bus that has stopped for the purpose of setting down or picking up children.

For further information:

Call 8402 1917 - Email dpti.way2go@sa.gov.au - Visit www.dpti.sa.gov.au/Way2Go

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