

Respect, Excellence, Perseverance, Diversity



Mallala Primary School

From our Leadership Team

We are swiftly heading toward the end of the term and with the chill in the mornings winter has certainly set in. Last week we were involved in our Department External Review which went very smoothly. I would like to thank the parents and our Governing Council who met with the External Review panel and spoke so well about our school. The Review panel were highly impressed with the students they spoke with, the learning they observed within classes and the passion and dedication evident in our staff. We receive our report and future directions early next term. When these are received they will be made public via our website. I will inform everyone when they are available.

I was informed last week that Keryn Birbeck will not be returning to Room 2 as planned in Term 3 due to ongoing health concerns. Matthew Window will continue to work four days with Karina Leonello working each Thursday.

This year marks the final year in my 5 year tenure as Principal at Mallala. The position was advertised late last term and interviews took place a couple of weeks ago. I am very pleased to announce that I have won the Principal position here at Mallala for a further 5 years. I am excited to have the opportunity to complete the work that has begun and move forward with the vision and plans we have in sight. Our aim is to continue to work hard to support our children and young people to achieve the highest standards possible in their education and ensure that Mallala Primary School and Preschool are the choice sites for the local area. We have so much to offer that is unique to us and we need to get better at promoting ourselves.

I was asked recently to present at a local Partnership meeting about our wonderful community engagement and volunteer programme. Comments from the attending principals were extremely positive in that they had not encountered such a successful programme in any other school. Our work and the commitment of our volunteers and community all brought together by the passion and relentlessness of our own Jayne Tiller is

something to be extremely proud of. John has started work on the Playgroup/OSHC outside play area and once it is nearing completion we will move fences to enable children to access and enjoy the space. The Bake Sale held outside of the IGA last Friday was an enormous success. Thank you to all of the families and community members who so generously supported the fund-raising. Money raised is **being used to offset costs of next term's camp.**

Unfortunately and despite ongoing reminders to students regarding the use of the Gym during Breakfast Club we are still having students running around and playing with basketballs while other students are sitting and eating. Our volunteers kindly give up their mornings to support our students to start the day with a good breakfast and are not expected to monitor or manage student play. Breakfast Club is also an opportunity for students to connect with others in a calm and quiet environment. Please remind your child that if they are attending Breakfast Club they need to follow the expected guidelines and that no games or activities are to happen inside at this time.

Mid-year Reports will go out on Thursday next week. Please remind your children that Reports are a formal document and addressed to their parents for opening.

Last week a draft policy for student use of mobile phones and devices in primary schools went home for parents to look at and provide **feedback prior to Governing Council's endorsement.** The main part of the policy is Department requirements with some areas for them to be made site specific. In our case this relates to phone use on buses and the consequences for students refusing to hand phones to teachers on arrival in class and/or use of phones during the school day. These Department consistent policies have been developed to safeguard our children against the 24/7 influx of social media, photos being taken without consent etc.

Stay warm

Sharon, Luke and Anne

Term: 2

Weeks: 6 & 8

Date: Monday 21st June

Key Dates...

Thursday 1st July
Reports Go Home
(Parents to Open)

Friday 2nd July
Last Day of Term 2
Early Dismissal
2.15pm



Year to Date (2021)



Assembly Rooms 1 and 2

Class Value Awards

Annabel Helps
 Kurlly Jones
 Hayden Pascoe
 Dexter Ruthenbeck
 Elijah Daniel
 Faith Quinn
 Cooper Symes
 Alec Kluske
 Kaleb Hoffmann
 Sophia Martin
 Noah Doe
 Lennon Christoff
 Monique Hoffman
 Sienna Baldwin-Smith
 Alyssa Standley
 Ethan Hardie
 Max Lange
 Bryn Trussell
 Elizabeth Pym
 Troy Hornby
 Izayah Quinn
 Riley Gejas
 Tiana Halwes
 Catriona O'Loan

Humanity Awards

Tiana Halwes
 Olivia Blackham
 Liam Baker
 Oday Hockley
 Penelope Morgan
 Oliver Griffiths
 Jobe Lanzon
 Tameika West
 Riley Stuart



Observers
 Award
 Room 3

Observers
 Award
 Pre-School

Assembly continued



Jayne's Community Corner - Mallala Library

On Thursday 27th May, we were fortunate to have Rose from the Adelaide Plains Library come and visit our Library.

She came and read a book to Room 4, 6 & 7 called 'Anything is Possible'. It was a great story about a very unlikely partnership between a sheep and a wolf. Surprisingly they both worked really well together! They persisted, and tried and tried again until they were able to achieve their dream of being able to fly.

Rose then showed us how to build a 'Spinner' using an origami technique. It was a bit tricky, even for the adults, but we all persisted and continued to try. We were all rewarded with some colourful flying machines!

The Two Wells Library is open Tue 9-5pm, Wed 12-7pm, Thurs & Fri 9-5pm and Sat 9-11:30am

Mallala Library is open

Wed 10-12pm & Fri 3-5pm.

Make sure you have a look and support this fantastic free service



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Reconciliation Week - Mr Window and Room 2

During Reconciliation Week Room 2 had a look at Indigenous Football jumpers and the meaning behind them. The class enjoyed learning about the various symbols and their meanings and also the meaning behind the Sir Doug Nichols round. We had a go at completing our own Indigenous Footy Themed Jumpers.



Around the Classes

Choir—with Miss Bennett

This year Mallala is lucky enough to again be a part of the Primary School Festival of Music. This is offered to years 5, 6 and 7 students where in September they perform at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre. Although I am not the choir teacher, as the arts teacher this year I am very proud of these students for taking a leap of faith and trying something new and for some it was out of their comfort zone. I remember participating as a student and it can be a very rewarding and positive experience. Today they will be singing a song called

Mayangan which stands for *Hope for the Future* and is perfect to celebrate Reconciliation Week. The word Mayangan comes from the Yolgnu language, which is spoken in North East Arnhem Land. The lyrics tell a story of unity, pride and equality. We hope you enjoyed the performance.



Jayne's Community Corner - Mallala and District CWA

It was a pleasure to have Mary O'Loan and Helen Farrelly join us at this weeks assembly. These ladies came along with some wonderful craft items and a wealth of knowledge when it comes to the *Mallala and District Country Women's Association*. The students saw a beautiful cross stitch with the words of "Advance Australia fair" and Australian wild flowers. They also shared a set of dolls that were dressed in handmade, traditional clothes to represent their country of origin. The CWA exists in small and large towns all across Australia, During World War II, ladies involved in the CWA knitted balaclavas and socks to send to the soldiers at war. The ladies explained the role that the CWA in Mallala plays within the community, they have helped in many Emergency situations including the Pinery Fires, where they cooked lunches and dinners to feed the dedicated firefighters. This dedicated Association plays a huge role in the community and hopefully will do for many years to come.

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Parent and Community Information

2021 SCHOOL CAMP

Please remember camp fees are now due. If you need to organise a direct debit or make a payment please call into the front office and speak with Leeanne Work or the front office team for assistance.



Family and Friends Friday Fresh Lunches

Week 9: Friday 25th June

Chicken Wrap and Strawberry Milk



Week 10: Friday 2nd July

Pizzas

Apple and Blackcurrant Juice



Lost Property

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.

Thank you in advance.

TERM 3

BOOK WEEK 2021 THEME OLD WORLDS, NEW WORLDS, OTHER WORLDS

Term 3 Week 6 is "Book Week" one of my favourite times of the year and I know that the staff and students love it too. There is always a fantastic selection of books that are put on display in the library for teachers to share with students during the week. Watch this space for more details as it comes closer to the actual date.

In Term 3 our ever popular Book Fair will return to the school with amazing books, posters and stationery for purchase.

Stay Tuned for more updates next Term

Steph Gauci

MPS Pastoral Care Worker

Come and learn about what our school's PCW does! Our PCW Steph and her manager from the Schools' Ministry Group will be speaking to the Mallala Women's Fellowship about what a PCW role entails and their importance in schools.

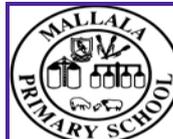
This is happening on

Thursday 24th June, 1.30pm at the Mallala Coffee House. There will be barista made coffee and afternoon tea available afterwards.



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