With very mixed feelings, I have accepted a temporary contract at the Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) from 2 March to 30 June 2015. AITSL is based in Melbourne and I will work between there and a small Canberra office. The work I will undertake is an extension of the work I was involved in last year in Central office here in Canberra focussing on the preparation and career development of school principals across Australia.

So once again, Kylie Croke will step into the role of acting principal of Malkara. I wish her and the school community well during first semester and look forward to returning for the second half of the year.

Warm regards
Jennie

Follow on from Jennie’s news; I am thrilled to be working with you again as school Principal. I am fortunate enough to have the support of a dynamic leadership team with Dagmar Martin (a/g Deputy Principal), Rachel Robinson (a/g Executive Teacher) and Lachie Ellis (Executive Teacher).

Throughout Week 5, I have had the pleasure of greeting many families as they come to the school for ILP meetings. These meetings are held after teachers have had a chance to observe and assess students in their class. The teachers value the opportunity to talk with you about your child’s needs in order to set meaningful, achievable goals. We measure our success at this by calculating the percentage of achieved goals at the end of each year.

For many families the roll out of National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) has raised some very interesting questions around the planning process, making decisions about support, working with providers and managing your child’s plan.

To begin the process for many of us there is an information session on Wednesday 11 March, at 5.30pm in the Malkara gym. There will be representatives from the ACT Education and Training Directorate and from the NDIA to offer guidance and support. Light refreshments will also be served.

As you walk through our corridors take some time to enjoy the display boards. There are some wonderful artistic and photographic displays about students and their families. New to these boards is a parent information board where we will endeavor to keep the most up to date information about the NDIS, private practitioners, P&C, School Board, the nurse and our newly appointed Chaplain.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our first parent get-together for the year, it was a fabulous turn out. Let’s try to do it once a term.

Kylie
A day in White Wallabies’ room.

We learn about letters and numbers.

We engage in fine motor activities.
Cooking is fun too!
We have fun in White room.

This is our reading corner.
Hi my name is Andrea. I am excited to be the new Chaplain at Malkara School.

I have been the Chaplain at Black Mountain school for the past four and half years but have been a school Chaplain both in Australia and in UK for quite some time.

At Malkara School I hope to deliver a service that provides spiritual, ethical and personal support to the school community including students, parents and staff. I hope to provide support and encouragement when things are going well, but also a listening ear, caring presence and message of hope when extra support is needed.

I will do this by being available to talk about any issue affecting students or their families. When needed, I will help link students and families in to appropriate support services in consultation with Makara staff.

This Chaplaincy service is provided under the federally funded National Schools Chaplaincy Program.

If you would like to contact me, I am available at school on:
Wednesdays from 8.45am-4.30pm and
Fridays from 8am – 2.45pm
You can contact me through the front office on 62055911, or on my mobile 0404256714.

Please feel free to introduce yourself to me.

Andrea
UNIFORM ORDER FORM

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PARENT NAME: .................................................. CONTACT NO:..........................

PLEASE ENCLOSE PAYMENT WITH YOUR ORDER FORM.

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**TOTAL AMOUNT** $

Cash enclosed  Cheque enclosed (please make payable to Malkara P & C)

Please do not deposit uniform money into the school account. All uniform orders are made through the P&C

To place an order please complete the required item and quantity above and send to the Front Office.
Savvy Tuggeranong also stock a limited supply of our uniform.
Take care when parking at school—
infringement notices have been issued

Sadly some of our parents have been issued infringement notices for parking on the grass and/or partially parking on the foot path. The families that have been booked had two wheels on the foot path across the road opposite the school, and on the grass in the cul-de-sac at the end of the street.
We are aware of how incredibly busy it is at drop off and pick up times. The safety of our students and parents is very important to us, as is the safety of our elderly neighbours who use the paths with their motor scooters and walking frames. You may park behind our staff cars in the area at the front of the school for short periods of time.

Thank you Paperchain Bookstore

Thankyou to Paperchain Bookstore for their support of our literacy program. They have donated a selection of books by Herve Tullet to stimulate and motivate our students, who have been really engaged with these quality books.
Voluntary Contributions 2015

Voluntary Contributions assist the school to purchase supplementary resources and specialised equipment for you child/children. The Voluntary Contribution rates are outlined below:

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Should parents wish to make an additional donation to the school, you can do so by making a separate payment, clearly identified as a donation, to Malkara School. **These donations are tax deductible.**

Your Voluntary Contribution can be made by sending cash/cheque to the school, by credit card from the ‘payment’ tab on Malkara School website, or by direct deposit – see bank details below.

We appreciate and thank you for your support.

Bank   Westpac
Name   Malkara School
BSB    032777
Account No   001607

Please reference your payment as one of the following:
- John Smith Vol Cons
- John Smith Donation
- John Smith Vol Cons and Donation

If paying by direct deposit or credit card it would be appreciated if you could return the slip below.

Child’s Name:  _______________________
Class:   _____________________________
Payment Date:  _______________________
Payment referenced with the following:
____________________________________

SCOUTS = Adventure + Life Skills
Scouting is for boys and girls aged 6 - 25. Scouts participate in programs that encourage them to grow through adventure by experiencing new challenges, making new friends, building confidence, taking responsibility for themselves, and being provided with opportunities to explore their own abilities and interests. Come and try Scouts today and take advantage of our 3 week FREE trial.

Visit **scoutsact.com.au** to find your closest Scout Group or call **1800 SCOUTS**
Siblings Workshop

Do you have a brother or sister with special needs?

Yes? Then you should come to a FREE workshop for siblings aged 8 to 12 years.

Designed for the brothers and sisters of people with disabilities, genetic conditions or special needs.

You get to meet other young people in similar situations in a relaxed and fun setting.

A chance to talk about the positives and negatives of living with someone with special needs.

Enjoy a great opportunity to share stories, strategies and ideas with others who understand.

"It was fun and I didn’t get bored! There were games, activities, group discussion and helpful information!"

WHEN?
22nd March 2015
9:30 am – registration
10:00 to 12:30 pm – Sibling Workshop
Morning tea provided

WHERE?
Paediatric Outpatients, Level 1
Centenary Hospital for Women & Children
at The Canberra Hospital
Yamba Drive Garran ACT 2605
See overlap for map and parking details

Please RSVP by 13th March 2015 to Genetic Alliance Australia
Details below and on attached form

If you’d like to attend please complete the attached registration form and send to Genetic Alliance Australia, C/- Garvan Institute of Medical Research, 384 Victoria street, Darlinghurst, NSW 2010 or email: projects@agsa-geneticssupport.org.au.

Please feel free to call Dianne Petrie or Doriane Ranaivoharison at Genetic Alliance Australia on (02) 9295 8359 if you would like more information on our Sibling Workshops
Brick Expo and Competition supporting Muscular Dystrophy and students with special needs.

SAT/SUN MARCH 14-15TH 2015
9AM-4PM

For competition details go to http://www.thewodens.act.edu.au

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- ART
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- HOBBIES

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Saturday, 28 March
5–7pm

Free entry, free food & drink!
Prizes & giveaways

Disco, Rock Wall, Tots
Tumbling, face painting & more!

Theme-Crazy hair!

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E: bluelight@pcyc.net.au
P: 6296 1292

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