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the newsletter for
Malkara families



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Diary Dates:

- **Friday Fun-day Disco!**
Friday 3 August
- **Malkara Model Railway Exhibition**
Sat 4 & Sun 5 August
- **TRUST Information Session for Parents & Carers**
Tuesday 4 September, 6:30pm
- **End of Year Concert**
Friday 14 December
- **Year 6 Graduation**
Tuesday 18 December

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**Assembly
Fridays @ 12:15pm/
2:15pm**

Week 3	Emerald/ Lilac
Week 5	Red/ Green
Week 7	Teal/ Aqua

Subject to change

Dear Families

It's so lovely to be back at school again after some time away. During the last week of Term 2 I took leave to accompany my parents to Papua New Guinea to visit my childhood home. It was our first time back in 30 years - we had a lovely and at times emotional week, reconnecting with friends and visiting places that are dear to our hearts. Then last week Dagmar and I, together with one of our amazing LSAs, Amanda Fabrizio, attended the ISAAC conference in Queensland. ISAAC is the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication; its membership includes educators, speech and occupational therapists, users of AAC and their carers. Dagmar has written more about our week in her newsletter column over the page.

While we were away Shannon Carnovale, deputy principal at Melrose High School, spent the week at Malkara with Janelle and Emm. Shannon thoroughly enjoyed her time in the school and we are very appreciative of her support.

As I write this we are gearing up for our big MRE weekend, with preparations being led by our P & C, Michelle and Mark. It is a huge job that requires many hands and we thank everyone who has supported us. In particular it is a big job for staff as classrooms are entirely packed up on Friday afternoon and then restored to working order by the start of the school day on Monday. Once again we are very fortunate to have the students of The Woden School come this Friday afternoon to run a disco in the hall for our children while class staff prepare classrooms for the weekend. I hope you have an opportunity to come along this weekend.

Every so often I come across media reports of alternative therapies or products purported to minimise or cure a range of communication disorders, Autism and other disabilities. Recently I have come across articles promoting a very dangerous practice of drinking bleach, a known poison, to cure autism. This immediately jumped out to me as a reminder of the importance of always talking through alternative therapies with your paediatrician before implementing something new. If this is not possible we have our school psychologist, Lyn Moorhouse, your class teacher or any of our executive teachers who would be happy to talk through your ideas and provide more information in order for you to make the best decision for your child.

Finally- thank you to our parents and carers who have attended ILP review meetings this week. Our teachers always love to share their students' successes with our families, celebrate and plan for where to next!

See you on the weekend!

Allison
Principal



Deputy Principal Report

Last week Allison Chapman, Amanda Fabrizio and I were privileged to attend the ISAAC (International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication) conference. There were over 1,000 delegates from around the world and it was wonderful to attend a conference that focused particularly on communication and literacy. I attended a number of sessions that looked at contemporary research and practice and listened to the journey of schools and teachers when implementing change and building capacity within schools. Highlights for me were also attending lectures by adults with complex communication needs and gaining an insight into their communication journey. We look forward to sharing our learning with staff over the coming weeks.

In addition during the holidays I visited two Special Schools in Brisbane. It was a great opportunity to see some great curriculum and assessment practices and the schools were very generous sharing their knowledge and resources. It was also reassuring to note that we were excelling in some areas, such as communication. I look forward to continuing to keep in contact with these schools, to share practice and resources.

Dagmar



NAIDOC Week at Malkara

As part of Malkara's NAIDOC Week celebrations, students attended an interactive presentation by Wirradjuri man, Larry Brandy. Larry shared traditional Aboriginal artefacts, including tools, possum and kangaroo skins with the students. The students were invited to dress up as kangaroos, emus and traditional Aboriginal hunters and participate in role play activities. Students were also invited to wear traditional seed beads, and wrap dolls in possum skin and hold them in coolamons as Aboriginal people have done traditionally for thousands of years. Each session ended with the students joining Larry in traditional dance and song to celebrate.

Emm Greene
Executive Teacher



Hats On!

August means hats back on at Malkara School!



Save the Date!

Year 6 Graduation evening
18 December 2018



Save the Date!

End of year concert
14 December 2018



Mighty Mauve



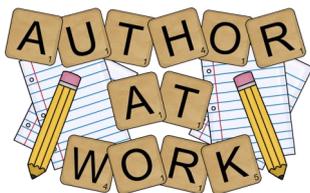
Each day in Mighty Mauve we endeavour to make the learning fun and provide a creative curriculum which is both broad and balanced.



We engage with books in a comfortable location within the school.



We write about things personally significant to us.



We have fun while completing our hydrotherapy program.



We enjoy our time in the gym and sensory room.



Science fun! We made our own paper and a paper mache volcano as part of our recycling theme.



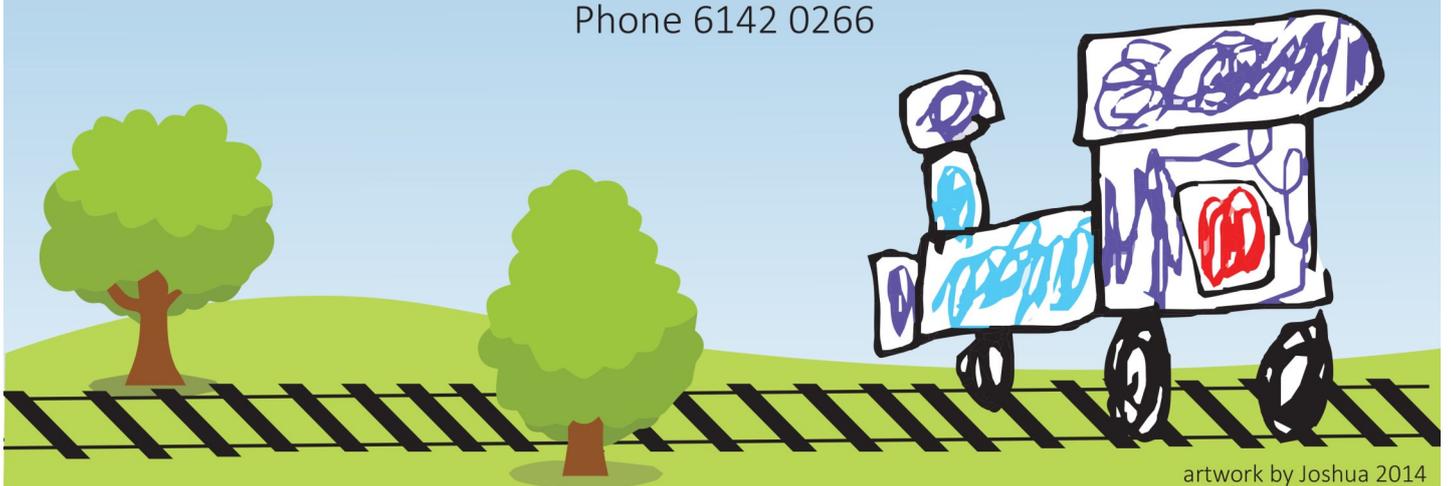
46TH ANNUAL MALKARA MODEL RAILWAY and SCALE MODEL EXHIBITION AUGUST 4-5

Fun for the whole family!

Come and see the huge range of model train layouts, miniatures and dolls houses. Drive trains, watch submarines in the pool, ride the miniature steam train and merry-go-round. Sausage sizzle, hot dogs, cakes, music, Devonshire Tea, art and so much more!

Adults \$10 Children over 5 \$5 Seniors \$6 Family \$25

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Climbing for Kids with Autism

The **fourth Sunday** of every month the North and South Gyms will be open from 9 am - 10 am for children and families with Autism

\$12 entry and harness
Siblings can climb for the same price.

