Dear Malkara families and friends

Birragai Camp

It was my absolute pleasure to attend one day of the two day camp that most of our senior students attended. The camp reinforced skills learned in the classroom, provided opportunities to socialize - and have fun together, and prepare students for camps in the high school setting. In the following pages you will see some photographs of the camp that highlight the success and enjoyment had by all.

Model Railway Exhibition

MRE preparation is heating up. This is our main fundraising event for the year so I am calling on all families for support. We are seeking donations of lollies and biscuits, and we will be asking for you to put your name on rosters. Later in this newsletter is a form for you to nominate when you are available to help.

You may be aware of the Devonshire Tea Art Gallery we create each year - many of your children will have artwork for sale on the walls. Keep your eyes out for more information about the art sale.

Thank you for contributing where you can during the lead up to and throughout this big weekend.

Media and Public interest

You will be aware that in April this year an independent investigation was set up in response to a withdrawal space placed in a Canberra school. The paramount concern is for the privacy, welfare and rights of the people associated with the school involved.

An Expert Panel has been appointed by the Minister to review policy and practice for supporting and teaching students with complex needs and challenging behaviors in ACT public, independent and Catholic schools.

The Expert Panel is currently calling for submissions from the public as part of their review. You Can find information at: http://www.timetotalk.act.gov.au or on the last page of this newsletter.

The Directorate has also established a hotline for any parent who would like to confidentially discuss any issues or concerns Ph: 6205 5429

You can also email the Directorate at DET.Consultation@act.gov.au

This is the last newsletter before the school holidays. School returns on Monday 20 July.

Kylie
Zoe is drinking independently. She will have enough energy to work hard after her drink!

Zoe stands up at morning circle everyday. She is good at looking at her letter ‘Z’ from choice of two.

Nissie stands up for her active learning play. She also likes bowling with her classmates.

Kara loves her hydrotherapy sessions. She enjoys walking and standing in the water. Look at her - she is standing by herself!
Slade cannot wait for outdoor play. He goes for a walk everyday.

He practices sitting independently to strengthen his muscles.

Nicki is listening to a story with the St Peter and Paul students. They visit us every Monday.

Nicki is getting ready for her bike riding. She is getting very strong legs.

Willow loves being in the pool, it’s so nice floating on the water.

Willow is posting and stretching while she is in the little room.
Year 5/6 Camp

On the Thursday of week seven, 13 brave students joined 9 Malkara staff and embarked on the trip of a lifetime to Birrigai Camp! During the weeks beforehand the teachers had worked with students to prepare them for the upcoming camp by reading familiarisation stories and talking about the schedule of activities.

On the morning of camp all the students gathered and jumped onto the buses ready to depart. We filled the ‘old bus’ with all the luggage and waved a farewell to our family and friends as we drove off, excited and filled with anticipation.

Upon arriving at Birrigai we had time to get to know the new environment. We played games and were introduced to the staff. We had lunch and then prepared for our first activity...THE GIANT SWING!
After trekking up the mountain (some of us drove up in the buses!) we prepared to take on the first big challenge of camp – The Giant Swing! Not to be deterred we eagerly jumped into the harness (one at a time), gave a confident ‘thumbs up’ to our friends and flew through the air, like a trapeze artists!

We somewhat sheepishly report that although invited, none of the staff were brave enough to take part in Giant Swing activity. After the Giant Swing we bid farewell to some of our camp party who left to go back to school before we headed back down the mountain to the camp fire.

At the camp fire we made damper and cooked marshmallows! Many of the campers really enjoyed the experience with most taking particular liking to the marshmallows! Then it was time for the disco!
As you can see the disco was a hit and we uncovered some musical stars! Following the disco we headed to dinner before preparing for bed. Following an actively restful night, we enjoyed breakfast.

After playing on the flying fox swing and a morning tea of mandarins and Birrigai’s famous ANZAC biscuits we ventured to the Tidbinbilla playground.

At the playground, we played parachute and ball games, did some craft activities and explored the park. We were treated with salad rolls and poppers for lunch before heading back to school, a few of us feeling tired after two fun filled days.
We all had an amazing time at Birrigai and made some new friends too! Thanks to the Birrigai and Malkara staff who made it a success for our students.
Marist School Visits

During Semester 1, two groups of students in Year 10 and 12 from Marist School visited classrooms each fortnight as part of their Christian Leadership class. Our students looked forward to their visit each fortnight.

We would like to share a number of excerpts from the Year 10 students’ reflections and personal analysis.

“This made me realise that when I’m around these kids, they bring out the best in me”.

“The students in my class have given me an experience that will stay with me forever”.

“They don’t make excuses, they just persist and keep going which make you think how lucky and grateful we should be”.

Although your contribution may be small and appear insignificant and there are no immediate benefits for yourself, your actions may completely change another person’s learning experience – helping them learn, enjoy themselves and giving them confidence”.

“I noticed the calm and assertive manner the teachers possess when teaching the class”.

”What really stood out to me was the commitment, respect, enthusiasm and will to learn demonstrated by the students.”

“I feel more immersed each time that I visit”.

We look forward to continuing to work with another group of students from Marist next semester.
Malkara’s School Psychologist, Lyn Moorhouse, is currently contacting the families of students transitioning to other settings in 2016. This includes students in Preschool and Year 6 classes, as well as some in other classes who are ready to move on. If you are not in Preschool or Year 6 but planning to move your child to a different setting in 2016, please let your teacher know as soon as possible, so Lyn can discuss options, and complete the relevant paperwork with you before the deadlines set by the Education & Training Directorate. If you have any questions about this process, please call Malkara and leave Lyn a message.

Lyn is generally at Malkara on Wednesdays.

NDIS registered provider

Does your child have an NDIS Plan?

Are you interested in some Short Term Accommodation (respite) for your child?

Marymead currently have vacancies for children 5—12 years at Kese House. Over 12 on site cottages at Marymead.

Please call Leigh or Glenda on 6162 5800 to discuss your needs.

We still have 17 FREE tickets for families to attend the Barnardos Children’s Movie Day.

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If you would like to attend please call the office on 614 20266 to secure your tickets.
P&C News

MRE IS ON THE WAY...
SAT 1st and Sun 2nd August

This year we have a new addition to the MRE. The Mix 106.3 Cruiser will be making a guest appearance so make sure you come along and say hello!

Lollies… Lollies… And more Lollies!
Each year the staff kindly spend time putting together hundreds of lolly bags. If you are able to make a donation of lollies please start sending them to school so the lolly bags can be started. Thank you to those

Do you know a high profile personality?
We are aiming to draw in an even bigger crowd and would love to have a celebrity guest appearance. If you know of anyone or have ideas on who we can approach please let us know.

RAFFLE TICKETS
Raffle tickets are due back on Friday 3rd July.
If you are able to sell more tickets please contact your class teacher or Michelle at the front office and we will happily organise another booklet to be sent home. Due to some wonderful donations there are some great prizes up for grabs. When out and about in Canberra please consider supporting the businesses who support us!
MALKARA MODEL RAILWAY AND SCALE EXHIBITION

The 43rd Annual Malkara Model Railway and Scale Model Exhibition (MRE) will be held over the weekend of 1-2 August. To make this weekend the success that it is we need your help.

Please consider your availability, complete the form below and return to school as soon as possible. Your commitment to help is greatly appreciated!

Name _________________________ Phone Number ___________________

Childs Name _______________________________ Class ___________________

I am able to help for (e.g. 2 hours, 4 hours)

________________________________________________________________________

Please indicate the session/s that suit.

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1. I can drop off a plate of sandwiches on Saturday / Sunday. (please circle)

2. I can drop off goods for the cake stall on Friday / Saturday / Sunday (please circle)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Cake Stall  Hot dogs  Coffee Stall

Lollies  Drinks Stall  Sizzling sausages  BBQ  Raffles
Donations

It’s almost that time of the year again, our annual Malkara Model Railway Exhibition. We need your help to ensure the success of this fantastic fundraising activity.

Please send donations to school with your child.

Packets of Raffle Prizes

Lollies For Lolly bags

And More

Packets of Sweet Lollies

Biscuits Thank you in advance.
43rd ANNUAL MALKARA MODEL RAILWAY AND SCALE MODEL EXHIBITION

SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 2015 9am- 5pm
SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 9am- 4pm

ADMISSION

Adults $ 10.00,
Children over 5 & Seniors $5.00
Family Ticket $20.00
(2 adults/ 2 children or 1 adult/ 3 children)

MALKARA SPECIALIST

Wisdom Street, Garran

Model Railway layouts, Victorian Doll’s Houses, Model Retailers,
Big Boy Toys Remote Controlled Vehicles, Miniature Live Steam Train Rides and Lego.

Organised by the Malkara School P&C and The ACT Model Railway Society Inc.
We are updating our list of families who have registered with the NDIS. To assist us with this information could you please complete the form below and return it to school.

Child’s name________________________________________

Child’s class __________________________

Yes ☐ We are registered/forms submitted
No ☐ We are not registered and I would like an Access Request form sent home.

EXCURSION ACQUITTAL FORM

Birrigai Camp 11-12 June 2015

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School Holiday Program
Malkara - Winter 2015

Follow the Yellow Brick Road
Today is a day to celebrate everything Wizard of Oz!!! Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite Wizard of Oz character and spend the day taking part in all things OZ like cooking, craft and games.

July 6th

So you think you can cook? ‘Malkara Café Day’
Children will be the masters of the kitchen today, working together to create an amazing feast for afternoon tea they will then spend the day designing menus, creating and decorating the ‘café’ and cooking. Families are invited to join us for afternoon tea at the “Malkara Café”.

July 7th

Inside Out
The service will be traveling by chartered bus to Limelight Cinemas to watch ‘Inside Out’. After a girl moves to a new home, her emotions are plunged into chaos as they compete for control of her mind.

July 8th

Feathers of Flight & Fancy
Let your creative spirit fly! Today is all about creating wonderful art, using feathers. There are a lot of art and craft ideas using this unique method. Such as a feather shadowbox, Aborginal dot painting, perhaps a Dreamcatcher or maybe just something fun & silly like a mask or a headband. Artistic techniques will be tried and tested throughout the day to help unleash the inner artist in all.

July 9th

Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve Excursion
The program will be travelling by chartered bus to Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve. While there we will be exploring the Reserve through nature walks, searching for a range of native species at The Sanctuary and Koala Enclosure, the Nature Discovery playground and enjoying their picnic lunch while at Tidbinbilla.

July 10th

Each day bring a packed lunch and morning tea
Email enrolments@commsatwork.org or call 1300 212 273 for more information.
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<td>Supreme Incursions-Brickworks</td>
<td>Students are shown a sea of different colours, shapes and sizes of Lego style bricks in which they get hands on with almost immediately. The Students choose a theme and use their creative minds to build whatever is in their imagination. Educators will take photos for the children to keep a record of their creations.</td>
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<td>July 14th</td>
<td>NAIDOC Week Celebrations</td>
<td>Today, we will be honouring NAIDOC Week in the Service. NAIDOC week celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history, heritage and achievements. By celebrating NAIDOC Week, we recognise and learn about the culture that has passed, how we can further increase our understanding and appreciation of the present and build on what the future has in store.</td>
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<td>July 15th</td>
<td>Freestyle Trampolining</td>
<td>Children will travel by bus for a morning of high energy bouncy fun, this modern facility has a variety of trampolines available and the very exciting bounce pit allowing children a safe environment to explore their abilities.</td>
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<td>July 16th</td>
<td>Puppetry Workshop</td>
<td>Children love this action packed workshop! In two fun-filled hours children learn the following fabulous skills: Secrets of how to be confident, mighty mouth action-how to make your puppet look real, funky ways to get a great voice, how to connect with an audience, children make their very own mouth-moving puppet!</td>
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<td>July 17th</td>
<td>Minions</td>
<td>The service will be travelling by bus to Limelight Cinemas to watch ‘Minions’. Minions Stuart, Kevin and Bob are recruited by Scar/et Overkill, a super-villain who, alongside her inventor husband Herb, hatches a plot to take over the world.</td>
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Public consultation
Students with Complex Needs and Challenging Behaviours
A review of policy and practice in ACT schools

We want to hear from you

The Expert Panel would like to hear from families and students about your experiences at ACT schools.

We are also interested in your suggestions for improving policy and practice in ACT schools for children with complex needs and challenging behaviours.

How to contact us

Written comments can be provided to the Expert Panel by email: expert.panel@act.gov.au
by mail: Expert Panel
GPO Box 730
Canberra ACT 2601

Submissions will be kept confidential but may be quoted without names or identifying information in the Panel’s Final Report.

If you would like to speak with the Expert Panel please call us on 0457 631 184.

Submissions are due by 31 July 2015.