

malkara matters

the newsletter for
Malkara families



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Diary Dates:

- **Reconciliation Day**
Monday 31 May
- **Queen Birthday**
Monday 14 June
- **Year 5/6 School Camp**
Week 10
- **Last day of Term 2**
Friday 25 June

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Subject to change

Dear Families

We are thrilled to welcome new students to Malkara this term - Sumarg and Melody are new to Malkara and Xavier is returning to us from interstate - welcome!

For some time, we have been attempting to build more ongoing partnerships with schools in our area; the impact of COVID-19 in 2020 stalled our planning but this year we have been able to make some progress. We currently have in place our ongoing relationship with Sts Peter and Paul Primary School, just across the carpark from us. We treasure this partnership with our Sts P & P friends and look forward to our weekly walks with them. Added to this, we have commenced a partnership with Lyons Early Childhood School (LECS) which will see the LECS year 2 leadership class join some of our Malkara classes for shared learning experiences. This term the LECS students are visiting us; in the future this will be reversed, and we will visit LECS. The first visit took place this week and was a great success. As well as supporting our students' learning in communication and social skills, the shared learning will support our learning about writing for authentic purposes and further develop our reading skills.

We are also in the early stages of a partnership with Canberra College - the purpose of this partnership is to support the college students' understanding about disability and provide some work experience in the disability support sector. We have an ongoing challenge to recruit and retain support staff and take every opportunity to introduce the joys of working in a specialist school setting to interested people.

We are currently preparing for our school review coming up in week 6 - you will find more information about the review in this newsletter- please have a read and contact me if you would like to be involved in the process.

As we move into the winter months, I'd like to remind all our families of the importance of monitoring your child's health. Anyone, child or adult, with the symptoms of fever, cough, cold or runny nose should not be coming to school. Children who have had an episode of diarrhoea or vomiting should be clear of any symptoms for at least 24 hours before returning to school. Many of our students are extremely vulnerable to becoming unwell and we appreciate your support in helping us to keep everyone safe. If you are ever unsure about sending your child to school, please don't hesitate to give us a call to discuss your concerns.

Regards,
Allison

Room 3

Room 3 have settled into routines wonderfully. During our Term 1 theme of 'This is Me', we talked and read about what we look like, found out about our families, and shared our interests and favourite things.



We talked about our friend 'Pogo' from PBL who helps us 'Be Safe, Be Caring and Be a Learner'.



We are creative...



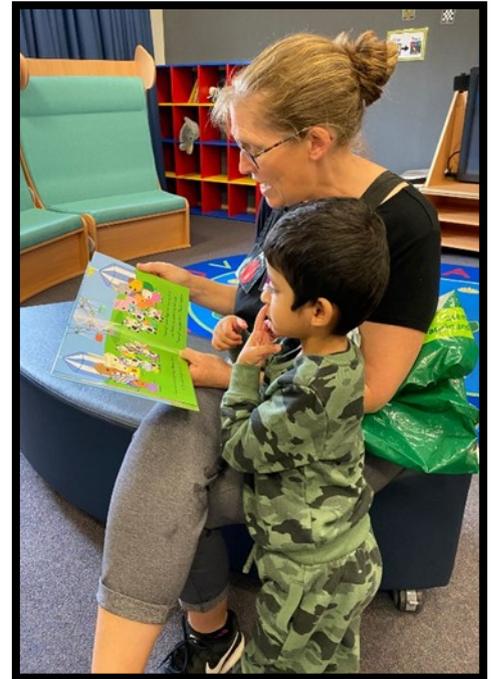
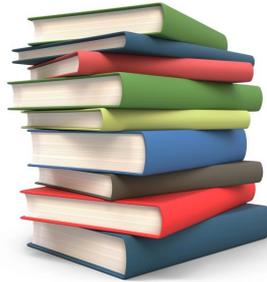
We are friends.

This Term, we are learning about 'Let it Grow' where we will learn about how to care for our own plant (thanks to our green thumb, Amanda).





We will visit the school garden and cook together. We are excited to be starting inclusion visits to Taylor Preschool too.



We love our visits to the Library.



...and most importantly we are happy.



Year 6 Transition Visits

In preparation for your child's transition to high school next year I have organised a parent visit to The Woden School. This will give you the opportunity to view a specialist high school education setting and ask any questions of staff. All students will remain at Malkara as they will have an opportunity to visit the school later in the year as part of their transition. The parent visit will take place from 9:30am – 10:30am on Tuesday 4th May (Week 3 of Term 2)



The Woden School 127 Denison Street, Deakin Ph. (02) 6142 0200 I will be accompanying you on the visit and we will meet at the front reception of the school. Parking is limited so please feel free to park on the hill located behind the car park if no spaces are available. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Student Injury Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The Education and Training Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT**.



Car for Sale

We have a beautiful family that no longer needs a car that can accommodate wheelchairs. If you or anyone you may know may be interested in this car please contact John.

- 2012 Toyota Alphard.
- Factory built in Japan as a Welcab Sloper wagon for wheelchair accessibility.
- Electrically-operated lowering rear suspension, ramp and winch for loading wheelchairs.
- Two (2) wheelchair positions available with ample headroom for wheelchair occupants.
- CVT automatic petrol engine.
- Silver-grey, unmarked, in as-new condition.
- Imported 2019. We are the first Australian owners. Full Australian compliance.
- 29,751 kms -- Japanese certification of km history available.
- ACT registration until December 2021
- \$43,750
- For more details please contact John Andrews at 0423 257 801



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School Review 2021

This year marks the end of our current strategic plan for improvement. As part of the process of school improvement in the Education Directorate, Malkara will be participating in a review panel in week 6 of this term, commencing on Monday 24 May 2021. During this week a panel of reviewers, consisting of a lead reviewer and three ACT Education Directorate principals, will be in the school reviewing our work to improve student outcomes over the life of our current strategic plan. The panel will develop a report based on the evidence gathered during the week- the report will outline commendations and recommendations for our next strategic plan.

Evidence is gathered from our school documents, panel observations and interviews with a wide range of stakeholders, including our parents and carers. If you would like to be part of the review process in week 6, please contact me for further information on what this will look like. Our plan and past reports can be found on our website at the link below:

http://www.malkara.act.edu.au/governance/school_board

I thank you in advance for your support

Allison

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School Uniform

We have had a shipment of long sleeve Malkara school shirts sent in. If you would like to receive an order form please SEE-SAW your children's teacher and one will be sent home in their bags.

We also have a supply of short sleeve shirts and jumpers available if they are of interest to you as well.



Parent Walk and Morning Tea



Thursday 13th of May, Week 4

Parents this is an invitation to meet Andrea at Malkara School at 9am and then walk down to Hughes shops for a coffee and catch up.

