

malkara matters

the newsletter for
Malkara families



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Diary Dates:

- **School Photos**
Pending COVID-19
- **P&C meeting**
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- **Board meeting**
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Report from Green

**Assembly will resume
when we are back at
school**

Dear Families,

I wanted to reach out to you and thank you for your unanimous support of your children and the school at this time. We appreciate that things are fast moving, and that national discussions and approaches can cause some anxiety to you and your children.

ACT Public Schools are pupil free until the school holidays, due to begin on Friday 10 April 2020, as recently announced by the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development. What this new paradigm looks like after this is still unfolding and my commitment to you is, to communicate changes as soon as I am possible.

Our Malkara team has embraced the concept of working remotely and has begun a positive, productive and coherent planning approach for the alternative delivery of education in Term 2. They are participating in online professional learning sessions, both Directorate based and Malkara based, in order to build on their knowledge of and skills in the delivery of online learning.

To enable schools to continue to focus on this during our pupil free time, our Directorate is launching a "home learning challenge" for students through the Home Learning portal. This will be for students from preschool to high school, offering students and their parents some fun ways of remaining engaged in learning leading up to the school holidays.

We are currently developing a resource pack of visuals that we hope will support routines and learning in term 2. These will be delivered to homes in time for the beginning of the term. A hi-vis version will be available for our students who require this. We are also including a familiarisation story about learning at home.

Wellbeing continues to be a priority for the staff at Malkara who are working on site and those who are working from home. The positive feedback we are receiving from the Directorate and our families is shared with everyone, so please keep it coming. At this particularly stressful time it's lovely to receive this feedback.

I would also like to thank all parents and carers for your consideration and support. Thank you to those that have the capacity to support your child/ren at home; for those who have needed support at school, thank you for working with us and talking to us about your needs. I do understand that these are difficult decisions.

'The consensus advice to parents and caregivers seems to be: create a bit of structure, make a little time for formal learning and more time for play and exploration, and help kids feel safe and secure'. George Couros, a Canadian educator

Kind regards
Allison

Green Jungle

Some fun from green room before the school closed. This term in the Green Jungle we have been working hard while having lot of fun. We are practicing answering questions and making a choice between two items. We all have lots to say and enjoy sharing our opinions with our friends.



We love stretching and exploring what different parts of our bodies can do whilst in different position. During these times we must remember what our PBL friend Pogo says, 'We are Safe!'





Each fortnight we have shared a class story. One of our class favourites was the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. As a class we got to re-enact the story and go on our own bear hunt around the classroom. We even found a bear in the cave.



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**.

