Dear Malkara families

We are an award winning school!

The ISAAC award
Malkara Specialist School has received a national award from the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC). This award is for a school/organisation that has shown outstanding recognition and acceptance of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) for someone who learns, works or participates there. We were nominated by Jane Farrall and the award was announced at the AGOSCI international conference in Brisbane. We are so excited to receive this award and when it arrives we will celebrate this incredible achievement. Well done Malkara!

Last week was Public Education Week. We started celebrations with a delicious breakfast hosted by Hughes Baptist Church and Andrea. At the breakfast I was thrilled to present the Recognition of Service Awards to nine staff. These awards recognise the dedication and loyalty of employees and the contribution they make to the Directorate and to us at Malkara. Many of those presented the awards have been long standing members of our school.

Model Railway Exhibition
MRE preparation is heating up. This year we have new road signs, banners and a P&C newsletter with plenty of requests and ideas of how you can help. We are calling for donations of biscuits and lollies for our big weekend. If you can manage an extra packet or two each weekly grocery shop we would be extremely grateful!

Kylie
Art with Red Class

Red Room is filled with the students' art and craft work.

As well as developing fine motor skills, our lessons develop an appreciation of colour, design and pattern.

We put our maths skills to practical use, illustrate our writing and extend our observation and appreciation of nature through art.

Perhaps a squeeze in the middle will help this sculpture stand up. Christian will work at it for as long as it takes to succeed.

When Griffin has finished his story he is going to use his memory to draw his favourite horse at Pegasus Riding School.

Opal pushes sticks into a seed pod to make a sea urchin.

Malakye loves searching between the leaves of the fruit trees in the garden. He never knows what he might find. This lemon is too green to eat. Maybe we could use it to make prints.
Dean's circles go round and round and round and round. I think that he likes circles.

“Mmm, let me see. Which colours will I use when we paint our giant fish for assembly?” thinks Christian.

First Charlotte collected the leaves. Now she is using them to make a big leaf monster.

“Look at my painting” says Jessica. “I just used water and all the colours appeared. Wow! It's magic”.

Dean and Charmayne were supposed to be collecting leaves for art, but they had so much fun throwing them up to the sky that they forgot about the lesson.
**Mothers Day Morning Tea**

**Staff Breakfast**
Thank you to our school Chaplain Andrea and the Hughes Baptist Church for the wonderful breakfast.

**Biggest Morning Tea**
Malkara Staff raised around $220 for the Cancer Council.

**Pegasus Open Day**
Pegasus Open Day was held on the 23rd May. It was a lovely sunny day with more than 1,800 people through the gate. Pegasus raised over $10,500, up 30% from last year. Malkara supported Pegasus with a stall selling cupcakes. It was nice to see some Malkara students visit and many familiar faces of ex students. The community were interested in the PODD communication books that Malkara also had on display at the stall. Riders' obstacle-a-thon forms can be sent into school as soon as possible.
National Simultaneous Storytime

All classes enjoyed engaging with the wonderful story ‘The Brothers Quibble’. The students all made crowns which they wore while they watched and listened to the story - Some even wore them onto the playground. Everyone enjoyed the book.

Family Sausage Sizzle

What a fabulous way to end Education Week. Once again a big thank you to our school Chaplain Andrea and the Hughes Baptist Church for our family sausage sizzle.
**Asthma Assist**

Asthma Assist is a free asthma information and support service that offers regular updates on the management of asthma, latest research, new treatments and medications and much more.

Register with Asthma Assist to receive any or all of the following:

- Free subscription to the On-Air e-newsletter several times a year.
- Free subscription to the national Asthma Update magazine twice a year.
- An Asthma Control Pack containing information brochures and an Asthma First Aid Fridge magnet.

1800 Asthma Helpline Follow Up Education Service— people with asthma or their carers can access the opportunity to speak with education staff from their local Asthma Foundation over the phone about their asthma.


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**Parent Morning Tea**

Please join us for coffee, tea and muffins on Wednesday 3 June (Week 6) from 9:00 – 10:30am.

Following on from our successful information sessions from the NDIS, a representative will also attend and be available to assist you with completing forms and for general enquiries.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Andrea de Vaal Horcui
School Chaplain

To assist with catering please return the following slip if you plan to attend.

I will be able to attend the morning tea on Wednesday 3 June.

Name: ........................................ No of people attending: ..........................

* Please note correct date being Wednesday 3 June.
School Community Consultation—Your chance to have a say regarding school nurses in Specialist Schools.

Come along to a consultation session hosted by ACT Health and Education.

Location: Malkara School
Date: Monday 15th June
Time: 4:30pm

ACT Health and Education want to know how your child’s health care needs can be best met while at school. Please come to a consultation session to discuss topics such as school nurses, HAAS and any other health related issues you wish to have clarified. If you are unable to attend the session please call 62058472 to arrange a phone discussion or email WYCCHP-CommunityHealth@act.gov.au with your comments.
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,
Miniature Live Steam Train Rides and Lego.

Organised by the Malkara School P&C and The ACT Model Railway Society Inc.
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
Packets of Sweet Biscuits

Packets of Lollies
For Lolly bags

And More Lollies

Thank you in advance.
Finding clothing for children with Sensory Processing Disorder can be challenging. Discomfort can be felt by: itchy tags, harsh materials, and exposed seams. Calming Clothing can help...

Does your child suffer from:
- Anxiety
- Distractibility
- High Engine Speed
- Impulse Control
- Sensory Seeking
- Sleep Disorders
- Limited Eye Contact
- Low Muscle Tone

Does your child need help with:
- Articulation
- Self-Regulation
- Preproception
- Understanding where the body is in space

WHY CALMING CLOTHING?
Calming Clothing for Kids has been designed for children with Sensory Processing Disorders (SPD) such as those experienced by children with Autism. Rett syndrome girls have also demonstrated a calming and very positive response to Calming Clothing.

Calming Clothing originated when a mother, Valerie, engaged a designer to produce a garment that calmed her son, Billy. Valerie knew that weight on Billy’s shoulders or a weighted bag in his lap calmed him. Her idea was to create a discreet garment that Billy could wear in any environment that would give him the same kind of sensory feedback.

The designer, Karen, introduced Valerie to research by Temple Grandin on the ‘Calming Effects of Deep Touch Pressure in Patients with Autistic Disorder’.

Together with trial and error, they developed and patented an innovative garment that gives children the sensory feedback they are lacking, in a discreet and comfortable way. Ultimately helping to calm children with SPD.

*Further information regarding the research is available at thebrainary.com/shop/calming-clothing

Products available:
- T-shirts
- Long-sleeved tees
- Singlet’s
- Shorts
- Leggings (pants)
Sizes: 3 – 12

Purchase Calming Clothing from The Brainary
Tel: 1300 931 664 Email: info@thebrainary.com
Web: thebrainary.com/shop/calming-clothing
Understanding Learning Difficulties
A Practical Guide for Parents
Presented by educational and developmental psychologist Mandy Nayton

A workshop for parents of students with learning difficulties

This free workshop has been developed for parents and caregivers of children with learning difficulties. It will provide attendees with a greater awareness and understanding of the impact learning difficulties can have on children of all ages. The recently released Understanding Learning Difficulties: A Practical Guide for Parents will be reviewed and information will be provided on using the Guide effectively. The workshop will also examine issues such as self-esteem and dyslexia-friendly schooling, to ensure parents and caregivers are better equipped to support students with learning difficulties both at home and through effective communication with schools.

Presenter: Mandy Nayton is the Executive Officer of DSF Literacy and Clinical Services and the current President of AUSPELD. She is an educational and developmental psychologist and qualified teacher with extensive experience in the field of literacy education. Mandy supports schools with literacy planning and recommends appropriate classroom-based and individual strategies for struggling students. She is an adjunct research fellow at Curtin University and was awarded the 2015 LDA Mona Tobias Award for making a outstanding contribution to the field of learning difficulties.

The Understanding Learning Difficulties: A Practical Guide for Parents booklet is designed to provide parents, caregivers, and/or family members of children with learning difficulties with a greater awareness and understanding of the impact learning difficulties can have on children during their school years. This Australian resource provides an overview of the nature of learning difficulties and the most effective assessment and intervention strategies currently available. Information is shared regarding effective support strategies and evidence-based remediation approaches in order to equip parents and caregivers with the tools and knowledge necessary to assist their children throughout their education and beyond.

Copies of the Understanding Learning Difficulties Guide will be available for purchase at the workshop.
Do you have a child aged 0–8 years with a developmental delay or disability who has an approved NDIS plan?

SDN Early Childhood Links is registered to provide transdisciplinary therapy services for NDIS participants. Early intervention play groups are also offered in Kambah and Weetangera.

SDN works in partnership with families to achieve the best outcomes for children within natural settings such as the home, child care or school.

SDN is holding two open nights for prospective families as well as Early Childhood Educators. The open nights will feature a workshop, Encouraging Communication Development, by SDN Speech Pathologists.

Tuesday 30 June, 6.00pm–7.30pm, Namadgi Preschool, O’Halloran Cct Kambah
Thursday 9 July, 6.00pm–7.30pm, Weetangera Preschool, Southwell St Weetangera

Please RSVP by 26 June on 1300 407 746 or ndis@sdn.org.au

Supper provided • Lucky door prize • Goodie bag for each participant

www.sdn.org.au
2015 PlayFEST

Tuesday 27 October
10am—1 pm
Cook Community Hub
41 Templeton Street
COOK

Free children’s entertainment and activities

Everyone Welcome!!!

Celebrating Children’s Week

Information and activities from community, business and sporting groups!!

For more information contact ACT Playgroups on 1800 171 882;
visit us on Facebook or on our website at