



Term 1 Week 10 – 6/04/2022

Mayilema- Speargrass,goose, egg and knock ‘em down season



Dear Families,

I am shaking my head in disbelief that we are already at the end of Term 1, 2022.

Apologies for the short and old style newsletter – we have some key people away through illness and we are doing what we can to keep the important news coming.

Important Date:

Last year our School Council approved a **whole school Professional Learning Day for Friday 22nd April**. This is Friday of Week 1 next term and **students are not required to attend school on that day**. The day will be facilitated by Dr Kath Murdoch, an experienced teacher, writer, university lecturer at Melbourne University and popular international consultant. Kath is widely respected for her work in the field of inquiry-based learning in which she has taught, researched, and published for well over 30 years. The opportunity is possible through the generous sharing of the workshop by Leanyer Primary School. Our two schools have been working together for two years now to strengthen how we teach, and we are very excited to have Kath work with our schools.

WE NEED YOU!

Also coming up early next term is our **all-day celebration of Harmony Day on 6th May** – which is Friday of Week 3 next term. The ongoing theme of Harmony Week is 'everyone belongs' and it is something Malak Primary truly believes and demonstrates. Did you know we have 21 international languages and 12 Indigenous languages spoken at our school?

Thanks to a Multicultural grant, we are able to support families and staff to make and share food from their culture with the whole school. Can you help us? **If you would like to share your culture's food, please contact Rachel on 89977600 or admin.malak@education.nt.gov.au** to let us know and receive the financial support we can offer.

Another important part of our celebration is a **Multicultural Concert – showcasing dancing, music, singing, costumes, games, or stories from the many cultures that make our school amazing**. We have already equalled last year's performance tally, but we need more! Can you help? Does your family dance, sing or play? Are you part of a cultural group who can help? **If you can provide an act for our concert please contact Ms Farr on 89977600 or admin.malak@education.nt.gov.au to lock in your spot!**

Last year we had tables groaning with food to share from as far away as Ireland, China, the Philippines, Mexico and as close as the Aussie sausage sizzle (Halal included) and kangaroo stew and damper. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. Come on! We need you!

Have a great week's holiday and please get in touch with any celebrations, concerns or ideas. Take the time to sleep in, recharge and enjoy family time. Look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 10th April.

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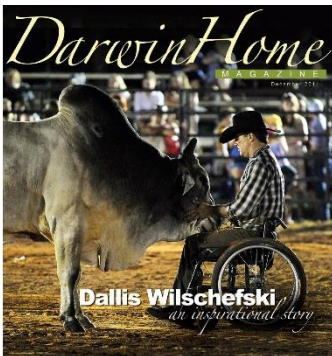
Food Program

Malak School has been running a lunch program for some time. Children receive milk or juice, a piece of fruit or carrot sticks; biscuits, popcorn or a muesli bar and a Pasta or Rice Dish with meat in a sauce or Sandwiches.

We now have signed up to Centrepay, and payment will be by deduction from the parent or guardians benefit payment. Please see the front office if you wish your children to participate in the Food Program for Term 2 and we will give you a form to sign. Please note: we are unable to refund for un-notified absences.


Kitchen Garden


We now have a large Hydroponic System that was kindly donated by Dallas and Janice from Dallas Livestock (Rodeo Contractors). Mr Ridley and a group of year 6's put it together, it was in many pieces and the students had to follow instructions to rebuild it. Next term we will be planting vegetables.



We will also be developing the old caretakers compound as a Vegetable Garden and would love any seeds or cuttings from your home garden.

Fundraising News

We will be holding a Mothers day plant stall. Any spare pots or cuttings you can donate would be a great help. 

For Fathers day, we will make chutney & pickles, so please bring in jars with lids– baby food jars are a perfect gift size! Closer to Fathers day, we will need green paw paws, tomatos and chilli. 

Next Term there will be a "Guess the Jellybeans" competition running, gold coin to enter. Get in practice with Minister Ah Kits Easter competition at her Karama Electorate Office!

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Dates to Remember

School Ends: Friday April 8th

Term 2 Starts: Tuesday April 19th