

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 1, 2023! I hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing holiday break and have had a smooth start to the school year. I am pleased to report that students have settled back into the school routine, and it has been pleasing to see them reconnect with their friends and teachers after some well-deserved time off.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for making my start at Malak Primary School such a positive experience. I have been humbled by the warm acceptance and support across the school community and I am so pleased to be a part of this wonderful school. It is certainly clear to see that Malak Primary is something special and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know staff, students and families over the last couple of weeks. I am looking forward to continuing to work alongside you to create meaningful and enriching learning opportunities for your children.

I would like to also extend a warm welcome to Ms Nicole who joins us in CommAut as Senior Teacher, Ms Maddy who steps into the Student Success Senior Teacher role, and of course Ms Joyce who is our Transition teacher.

We have a big term ahead of us, and we are all excited to see what it will bring!



Meet and Greet

Our Meet and Greet has been scheduled for Tuesday 14th of February from 3.00pm to 6.00pm. All are welcome, with teachers eager to meet families and students keen to showcase their classrooms. I too, am looking forward to touching base with families and hearing more about the wonderful things happening in each class. There will be a free sausage sizzle, so please come on in!

Malak Mahogany

You may have noticed our beloved Mahogany tree has been removed. Over the holidays it was recommended that the tree be removed as a precaution. Whilst the students and staff at Malak were sad to see it go, safety is first and foremost in everything we do. The good news is the resident school frilly seems to be enjoying the increased sunrays and has made the area a regular hangout.

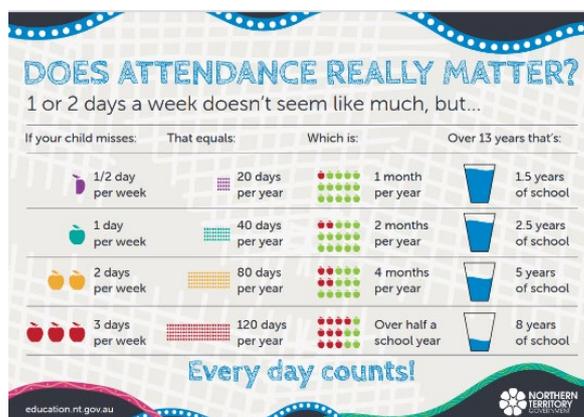


Mobile phones

The Department of Education's 'Mobile phones and Smartwatch policy' is now in effect. Under the policy, students from Preschool to Year 6, will not be permitted to have their mobiles in their possession during the school day. If you require your child to have a device for before and after school, we kindly ask that they be handed into the front office for lock-up until the end of the day. We thank you for your cooperation and support with this. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Attendance

The key to success at school is regular attendance. Attendance and engagement in learning are fundamental in achieving improved educational outcomes and increasing student wellbeing and life options. Our goal is to have all students at school each and every day. Of course, sometimes this is not always possible, and students may be unwell or have reasons why they cannot come to school for the day. Please let the front office staff know and we can mark your child's attendance accordingly. If students are late, they are encouraged to come through the front office for a late slip before heading off to class. There is no such thing as too late for school. Please chat with your child/ren about the importance of regular attendance at school and let us know if there is anything we can do to support on our end.



NAPLAN

All students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing during Weeks 7 to 9 of this term (15th to 27th of March). Historically, NAPLAN testing occurred in May, however, starting this year and continuing into the future, the testing will now occur during March.

NAPLAN is a point-in-time assessment that allows parents and carers to see how their child is progressing in literacy and numeracy against the national standard and compared with their peers throughout Australia. At the classroom level, NAPLAN provides additional information to support teachers' professional judgement about student progress.

NAPLAN consists of four tests: Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy. All tests, except for the Year 3 Writing assessment, are completed online using computers.

Schools generally receive their students' NAPLAN reports from mid-August to mid-September, depending on their state or territory test administration authority.

Information flyers were sent home with all Year 3 and 5 students earlier this week. For more further information please visit www.nap.edu.au or contact the school.

Stay safe and enjoy the weekend.

Haydon Staines
Principal
Malak Primary School

Important Dates to Remember:

14th February	Meet & greet , Sausage Sizzle 15:00 – 18:00pm
15th February	Hub assembly
1st March	Whole school assembly
15th March	Hub assembly
15/3/2023 to 27/3/2023	NAPLAN testing
21st March	Harmony Day
24th March	Ride to School Day
5th April	Whole school assembly
6th April	Term 1 ends
7th April	Good Friday
17th April	Term 2 starts
25th April	Anzac Day

Head Lice Advice

Please check your child's hair, comb through with conditioner and treat with lice products.

Don't forget to let us know, so we can advise other families to check and treat their child also.

The image contains three educational posters about head lice treatment, each with a teal background and white text.

Poster 1: Take a peek, ONCE A WEEK
Illustration: A cartoon boy with a lice on his head.
Text: **Take a peek, ONCE A WEEK**
Head Lice ADVICE
Every week, check hair and scalp of all family members for live lice and nits.

Poster 2: A fine-tooth comb GETS THEM OUT OF HOME
Illustration: A cartoon boy combing his hair and a blue fine-tooth comb.
Text: **A fine-tooth comb GETS THEM OUT OF HOME**
Apply an occlusion type lice product or conditioner generously to dry hair to cover each hair from root to tip. Comb one section of hair at a time from the roots with a metal nit comb. Wipe the product or conditioner on a paper tissue and look for lice and nits.
If you choose to use an insecticide treatment, do not use conditioner at the same time as the conditioner may protect the lice.

Poster 3: Smother, cover, BYE-BYE LICE, ONE AFTER ANOTHER
Illustration: A cartoon boy with foam on his hair and a box of medicated shampoo.
Text: **Smother, cover, BYE-BYE LICE, ONE AFTER ANOTHER**
Medicated Shampoos and lotions
Use occlusive head lice products to kill lice as well as combing with a nit comb. Follow the directions carefully. Do not use insecticidal chemicals more than once a week or for more than three weeks in a row.



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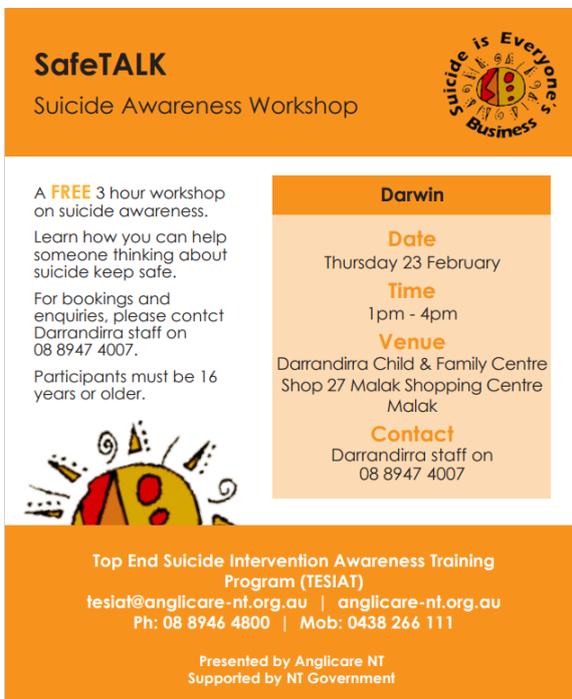
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www.write4fun.net/competitions/74



Darwin Region Sport – Upcoming Trials

- **12 Years and Under Australian Football – 7th, 8th and 9th February**
Boys and Girls born between 1st Jan 2011 – 31st Dec 2013
- **12 Years and Under Touch Football – 22nd and 23rd February**
Boys and Girls born between 1st July 2010 – 31st Dec 2013
- **12 Years and Under Cricket – 13th, 14th and 15th February**
Boys and Girls born between 1st July 2010 – 31st Dec 2013

Please contact Mr Glen at school for more information and relevant paperwork



SafeTALK
 Suicide Awareness Workshop

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A **FREE** 3 hour workshop on suicide awareness.
 Learn how you can help someone thinking about suicide keep safe.
 For bookings and enquiries, please contact Darrandirra staff on 08 8947 4007.
 Participants must be 16 years or older.

Darwin
Date
 Thursday 23 February
Time
 1pm - 4pm
Venue
 Darrandirra Child & Family Centre
 Shop 27 Malak Shopping Centre
 Malak
Contact
 Darrandirra staff on
 08 8947 4007

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JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST NSG PROGRAM OF 2023

NET (5/6 Y/O)
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 GO (9/10 Y/O)

8-WEEK PROGRAM
 EVERY TUESDAY, 5-6PM
 BEGINNING 7TH FEBRUARY
 \$160 PER PARTICIPANT

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