

Newsletter Term 1, Week 6, 2023



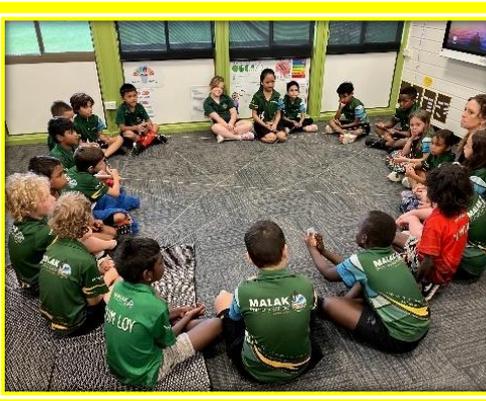
Gulumoerrgin (Larrakia) is the Aboriginal language for Darwin and the surrounding regions of Cox Peninsula and Gunn Point in the Northern Territory. We pay our respects to elders past and present, and look to the emerging leaders in our community. We would especially like this week to acknowledge all Indigenous women who play integral roles caring for children, country and our community.



It's Mayilema (Speargrass) season for Gulumoerrgin (Larrakia) Country. There are many saltwater fish and red claw yabbies are plentiful. We await the late rains and eagerly look for the first sign of the Birrdibirripba (dragonflies).

Dear families,

Welcome to the second half of the term. I cannot believe Week 6 is done and we are into Week 7. There is lots happening within our learning spaces, and it is all systems go.



Malak as a pop-up school

As you may be aware, an emergency declaration was made for the communities of Kalkarindji, Daguragu, Yarralin, Pigeon Hole and Palumpa due to severe flooding.

Malak has moved to act as a 'pop-up school', offering teaching spaces and provision for students and their teachers that have been evacuated from the above communities.

At this stage our school is on standby, ready to support our network of pop-up schools if need be.

We see this as a great opportunity to provide a positive community service whilst ensuring learning is continued for these students in a safe and supportive manner.

FELA Research Project

Audiology students from Macquarie University and Melbourne university will join together to visit our school next week as part of the 'FELA research project' which is happening across a number of schools within the Northern Territory. The project will see all Transition students participate in literacy activities and testing, as well as an ear health check. If your child is in Transition and you haven't signed a permission note, please contact the front office.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing commences next week and will run up from Wednesday 15th March until the Monday 27th of March. NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards over time. There are four tests in total: writing, reading, conventions of language and numeracy.



Our Year 3 and Year 5 students have been busy familiarising themselves with the online assessments. We wish our students luck and remind them to simply do their best and be proud of their efforts!

For more information visit: nap.edu.au

School Council Annual General Meeting

All parents and carers are encouraged to come along to our School Council AGM which will be held on Wednesday 29th March at 5pm in our conference room. Nibbles and drinks will be provided. Hoping to see you there.

School Events

As you know our calendar is jam-packed with school events and celebrations aligned to our learning.

Last Friday saw Malak Primary School support Clean Up Australia Day. Students learnt about the importance of keeping our beautiful country clean and some strategies they can use to ensure it stays that way. With respect for the environment being one of our school values, the students were keen to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the subject.

Unfortunately, the rain spoiled our Emu Parade (rubbish run around the school), however, we were still able to have our rubbish challenge which focused on reducing plastic rubbish and having the smallest plastic footprint. The challenge saw each class collect all their plastic rubbish and create a long line using it. Leadership then measured each class line before announcing which class had the smallest plastic footprint. A big congratulations to 2/3/4 Lucky who took out the challenge. Well done!

Upcoming events include Ride2School Day which will be held 24th March with the purpose of encouraging, empowering and enabling more students to get physically active on their journey to school. Please encourage your child/ren to ride if appropriate.

Harmony Day celebrations will take place on Thursday 30th March with Malak recognising that culture nourishes learning. We welcome all families to share and participate in the event. Some examples of how you may become involved in the celebration include showcasing a cultural performance, teaching our students and staff something from your culture or cooking a special traditional meal. Please contact the office if you would like to get involved.

Pre-loved uniforms

If you have any pre-loved uniforms that are still in good condition but simply don't fit your child, could you please consider donating them to the front office. The front office is always after spare uniforms and your donations will be greatly appreciated.

Stay safe and enjoy the weekend.

Haydon Staines
Principal
Malak Primary School

Head Lice Advice

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

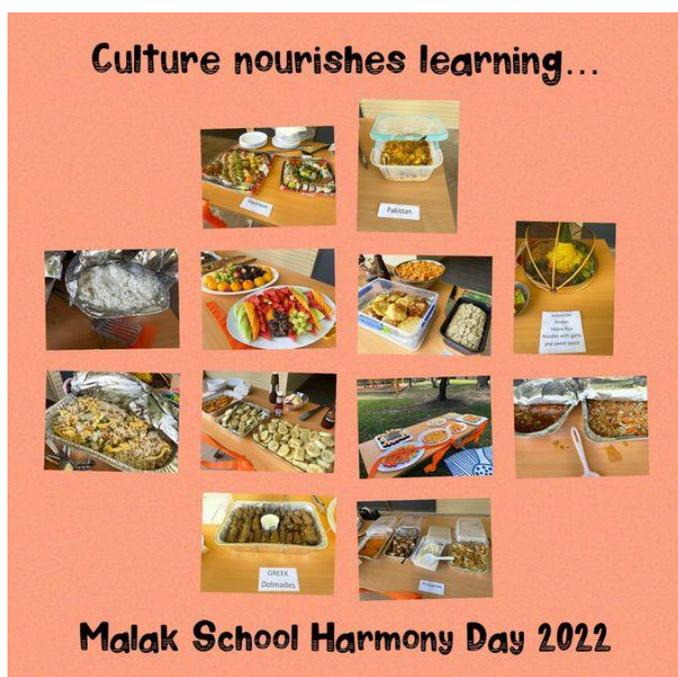
Don't forget to let us know, so we can advise other families to check and treat their child also.



Malak School Harmony Day Celebrations. ** DATE CHANGE ** **Thursday 30 March, 2023. "Culture nourishes Learning."**

Please contact the Office if you would like to cook a meal, do a performance or help out.

More details about the schedule will follow in the next few weeks.



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11 YEARS AND UP

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5.30PM TO 6.30PM AT DARWIN FOOTBALL STADIUM

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CREATE NEW FRIENDSHIPS
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HAVE FUN IN A SAFE INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT

For more information email paula.dacosta@footballnt.com.au

COME AND TRY

JOIN US!

When:
- Wednesday 22nd March
- Wednesday 29th March
- Wednesday 5th April
Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Location: Marrara Hockey Centre
All ages from U8 to U16
All equipment provided

WHY PLAY WITH US?

- Want to come and try hockey for free?
- Have some fun and see if the game is for you!
- Junior Academy - Existing players come and get a head start on the season
- Challenge yourself with your mates

COMMERCE-PINTS HOCKEY CLUB

Services Australia

MyGov Information Session

Services Australia will be running a MyGov information session at the [Darrandirra Child and Family Centre](#).

Date: Monday 13th March 2023
Time: 10am
Darrandirra Child and Family Centre

We'll show you all the tips and tricks to empower customers with digital services. We'll talk you through the resources available on our website and show practical demonstrations, including how to:

- find information in another language
- submit documents using online accounts and Express Plus mobile apps
- locate payments and services using Payment & Service Finder
- create a [myGov](#) account and use Express Plus mobile apps
- complete tasks such as reporting employment income
- view concession cards and Medicare card with the Digital Wallet, and
- use the huge range of online guides and video tutorials, which show you how to use our digital services

Please bring along a mobile device. This could be a smart phone, tablet or laptop—if you have one. This will help you get started straight away.

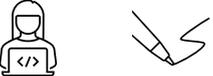
Our digital services are a simple, convenient and secure way for you and your customers to do government business on the go.

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Services Australia

We are asking our lovely families for Easter Raffle donations.



Please drop them off at the Front Office by Tuesday 28th March.
Raffle tickets will be sent home in Week 7 and drawn in Week 10.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Wk6 6 th Mar | 7 th Mar | 8 th Mar | 9 th Mar | 10 th Mar Newsletter |
| Wk7 13 th Mar | 14 th Mar | 15 th Mar Hub assembly  NAPLAN Testing Begins | 16 th Mar | 17 th Mar |
| Wk8 20 th Mar | 21 st Mar | 22 nd Mar | 23 rd Mar | 24 th Mar Ride to School Day Newsletter 5/6 Sailing  Excursion |
| Wk9 27 th Mar NAPLAN Ends  | 28 th Mar Beat Cluster  | 29 th Mar Hub assembly  School Council AGM | 30 th Mar Harmony Day  | 31 st Mar |
| Wk10 3 rd Apr | 4 th Apr | 5 th Apr Whole school assembly  | 6 th Apr Last Day of Term 1 😊 Newsletter | 7 th Apr  Good Friday No School - Public Holiday |
| 10 th Apr Easter Monday School Holidays | 11 th Apr School Holidays | 12 th Apr School Holidays | 13 th Apr School Holidays | 14 th Apr School Holidays |
| Wk1 17 th Apr First Day of Term 2  | 18 th Apr | 19 th Apr | 20 th Apr | 21 th Apr |