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Newsletter Term 4, Week 6, 2023

It's Balnba (Rainy) Season for Gulumoerrgin (Larrakia) country. Damugula (Mud Mussels) and Danijarra (Long Bums) are collected on the mud flats as they become exposed by rain.

Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 6! The term is flying by, and we are now well in the process of organising and finalising our end of year functions, such as graduation and our awards ceremony, as well as beginning to plan for 2024. If you have not done so already, could you please assist us by letting the school know of your intentions for next year and whether your child/ren will be continuing at Malak. If your child is in Year 6, now is the time to complete a Middle School enrolment.

If you have any questions or need a hand, please don't hesitate to see our front office staff.

It's that time of year!

It's that time of year and we are kindly seeking donations for our annual Christmas Raffle. Each year the raffle raises funds to enrich our students' learning. Donations can be anything from chocolates, to decorations or ornaments – basically anything Christmassy! The more donations we receive, the more prizes we can offer. If you would like to donate, please do so through the front office. Donations need to be made prior to the 11/12 with prizes drawn on the 13/12.

Basketball court upgrades

I am pleased to share some exciting infrastructure upgrades that are currently underway. Last Friday, work began on our basketball courts, with approval being gained for the installation of power, grandstand seating, a big fan, pipework for a bubbler, drainage, and a footpath leading to the court from 120 block.

The work is expected to take between 3 to 4 weeks, and needless to say, we are all looking forward to enjoying the new upgrades once the work has been completed.

Work has also been approved for the installation of front fencing, as well as the upgrading of current perimeter fencing. The fencing will ensure our school grounds and property remains secure and safe after hours. Fencing work will take place during the school holidays.

Attendance really does matter

Regardless of where we are within the year, attendance really does matter. Just one or two days might not seem like much, but if a student misses one day per week, over their entire 13 years of schooling they will miss a total of 2.5 years. Skipping school two days a week equates to 5 years of education lost. Please ensure your child is at school every day, and you are notifying the office of any absences. Let's make every school day count.

Friendly reminders and updates

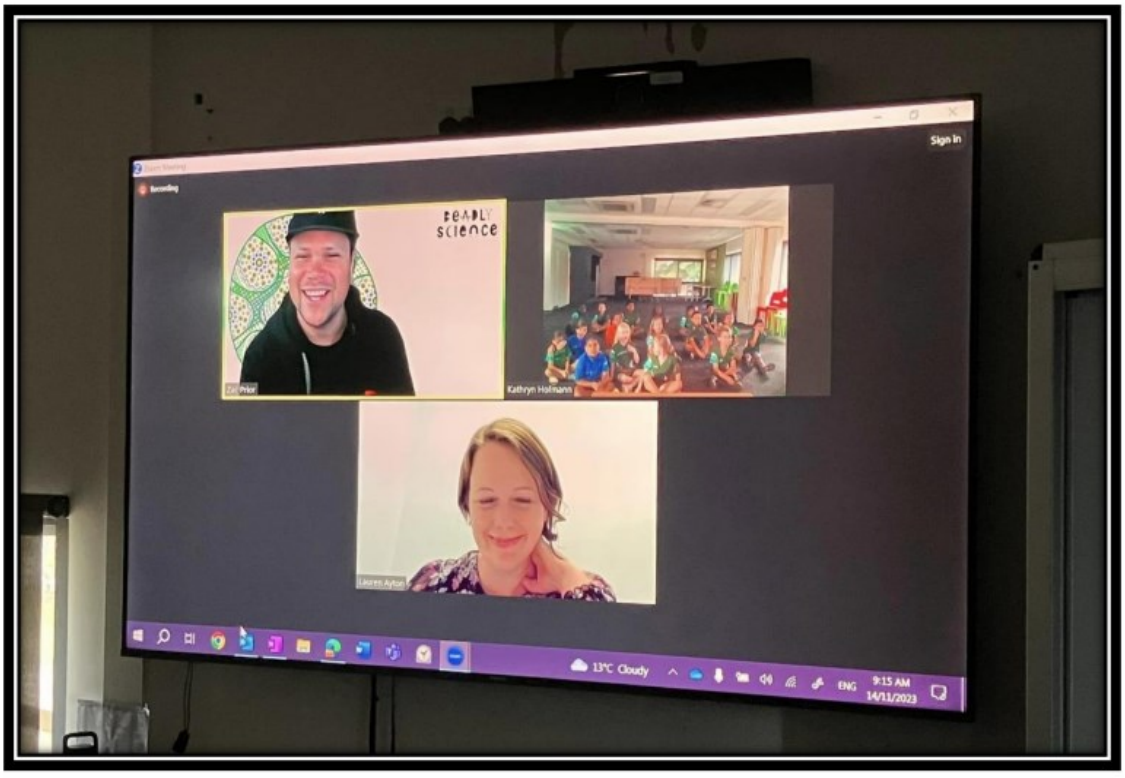
Some friendly reminders below:

- ✓ End of Year Awards 6/12 (separate EY and Primary).
- ✓ Year 6 Graduation Evening 7/12.
- ✓ Reports and Portfolios sent home 13/12
- ✓ Year 6 Farewell 14/12
- ✓ Last day of term for students 14/12
- ✓ Jump on, like and follow our school Facebook page (Malak School). The page provides regular information updates and learning from across the school.

Take care,
Haydon Staines
Principal
Malak Primary School

This week, 1/2H met with Zac from Deadly Science and Professor Lauren Ayton who specialises in ophthalmology and optometry with knowledge across eye disease, blindness and vision restoration (bionic eye, gene therapy and stem cells). The children loved listening to and hearing the information shared and also prompted conversation around their questions and observations.

It was a struggle to get the students out to recess break at the end of the session as they just wanted to keep talking about it! Even better was the following day, the students engaged in some great conversation remembering all the new information from the day before!



SL@M NEWS

2023 is the 5th year the SL@M student leadership program has run at Malak. This year has been a very busy and productive year for our Year 6 SL@MMERS and as they move closer to the end of their Primary School days, it is time to reflect on some of the things they have achieved this year. Our four committees — Student Voice, Sport, Library/Tech and Environment — have worked hard on a variety of projects, making good use of the time allocated to the committees each week. They have definitely been a presence around our awesome little school and seeing the way our younger students look up to our SL@MMERS as role models is always a highlight.

Our 2023 SL@MMERS have worked hard as a group to ensure student voice continues to thrive and stay alive at Malak Primary School. Coordinating assemblies, assisting with PE lessons, planting seeds with our Preschoolers and T/1, assisting with planning and running Sports Week, organising class Student Voice meetings, unpacking Mr Ridley's sports orders, assisting in the Library and Tech Lab, tidying and replanting school gardens, representing our school at community events and coordinating our recycling program have been just some of the activities our student leaders have been involved in this year.

Well done SLAMMERS! It has been an absolute pleasure working with all of you in 2023 and I hope you continue to keep student voice alive into Middle School and beyond.

Glen Ridley
PE Teacher / SL@M Coordinator

SPORT COMMITTEE

LIBRARY/ICT COMMITTEE

STUDENT VOICE COMMITTEE

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

It was fun working with Mr Ridley and the Transition and Year 1 kids.

It has been fun looking after the environment and working with the little kids in Preschool

SL@M helped me to be more confident in front of big crowds.

I liked helping with Sports Week and working with SEDA.

SL@M 2023

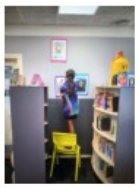
SL@M helped me with my public speaking.

I enjoyed planting plants and looking after the environment..

SL@M helped me learn about commitment.

SL@M is about being a good role model.

SL@M was fun because I got to spend time with my friends.



SL@M gave me the opportunity to run PE activities with the young kids..

Donations needed asap,

but closing

11th December

Drawn 13th of December

The more donations will mean more prizes!

Time to dust off those antlers, prepare the decorations and call in the elves, because the

'A Very Darwin Christmas'

Pageant returns on Saturday 18 November 2023!

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If you work in the Early Childhood Education and Care sector as an educator, teacher, coordinator or manager…

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Take a **quick** and **easy** online survey for your **chance to win** one of **twenty $100 vouchers**. By taking part, you will be helping to inform the Australian Government Department of Education's policies on how to attract and keep people working in the sector.

5-10 minutes to complete – you can use your mobile phone, tablet or computer

A **chance to be heard** - Your answers will help the Department make decisions based on evidence

Anonymous/ private – your employer will not have access to your responses

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ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS

Annual Karama Family Fun Fair

Date: Saturday 10 December 2022
Location: Karama Shopping Plaza
Time: 2pm – 5pm

Face painting, a reptile petting zoo, roving entertainment, performances, giveaways and a visit from Santa.

Supported by Ngaree Ah Kit, Member for Karama and Karama Shopping Plaza.

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NOV/DEC 2023

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Week 6 13	14	15	16	17	19	19
Week 7 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Week 8 27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Week 9 4	5	6	YEAR 6 7	8	9	10
Week 10 11	12	13	14	15	16	17

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