



It's Mayilema (Speargrass) season, knock'em down season for Gulumoerrgin (Larrakia) Country. The native cherry is fruiting. Betbiyan (flat back turtle) are laying their eggs.



Dear Families,

As NAPLAN testing draws to a close, I would like to give a huge shout out to our Year 3 and 5 students who approached their testing with positivity alongside growth mindsets. Please join me in congratulating them for their efforts!

Schools generally receive NAPLAN reports from mid-August to mid-September, depending on their state or territory test administration authority. For further information visit www.nap.edu.au

New Fencing

You may have noticed work has begun on our perimeter fencing. The work includes the installation of fencing at the front of our school, as well as the upgrading of current perimeter fencing. The fence is expected to be finished mid-April and will ensure our school grounds and property remain secure and safe after hours.



Ride2School

Friday 22nd March was Ride2School day. Ride2School day is all about encouraging, empowering and enabling all students to get physically active on their way to school. It also helps out our environment.

To mark the occasion, students decorated their bike, scooter, skateboard or rollerblades before riding to school. A big congratulations to Raf, Koda and Nevaeh-Joy on taking out the prizes for best decorated wheels!

Easter Extravaganza!

Our Easter Extravaganza will be held at Malak Primary, on Wednesday 27th March from 5pm to 7.30pm. Entry is \$5 per child and includes face painting, a disco, Easter bonnet parade and a glow in the dark Easter egg hunt. Food and drinks will be for sale. We will also draw our Easter Raffle at the event so make sure you are in it to win it!

Please note, this is not a drop and go event. Parents and caregivers must accompany their children.



Harmony Day

Our Harmony Day celebrations are taking place on Thursday 28th March and we would like to extend an invite to our special assembly, followed by our whole school luncheon. The assembly will begin at 12.00pm in the Hall and will showcase cultural performances from a number of our students and their families.

At 12.30pm we will meet in the centre of the school for a community luncheon. All are welcome so please come along! If you would like to contribute a dish for our luncheon, or showcase a performance at our assembly, please contact the front office.



AusEarthEd

This week an Education Officer from Australian Earth Sciences Education (AusEarthEd) visited Malak Primary School over two days, to run free Earth Science incursions for our Transition to Year 6 students.

The focus of these sessions differed depending on the year level but included topics such as 'Fake a Fossil', 'What's in our Soil' and 'Lava Viscosity'.

The sessions were hands on and used as many NT rocks, fossils and soils as possible. It was great to see so many students exploring with curiosity.

Brien Holden Foundation Eye Clinic

Last week we received a visit from two ophthalmologists who ran free eye tests for our students. Students even received a pair of free sunglasses! The tests ensure all of our students have perfect eyesight and if need be, families are supported to organise glasses. We had so many students return their permission notes for the program, that the team will need to be back in Week 10 to finish up! A huge thank you to the Brien Holden Foundation for their efforts.



Shooting and kicking goals

Malak Primary has been invited to participate in a Basketball Carnival run by the Stars Foundation at Darwin Basketball Association's indoor stadium. Several Year 5 and 6 students will head off to Marrara on 26th March, to participate in round robin basketball matches, cultural activities and basketball clinics. This is an amazing opportunity that we are very excited to be a part of and we wish the girls the best of luck!

We also have a number of our Year 4 to 6 students participating in this year's 9-a-side soccer match at Larrakia Stadium on the 5th April for the Darwin Regional Soccer Gala Day. As defending champions our students are keen to back it up this year! Best of luck legends!

School Calendar

Keep an eye on our school calendar for important dates and events (see attached).

Malak Facebook

Jump on, like and follow our school Facebook page (Malak School). The page provides regular information updates, as well as the sharing of learning from across the school.

Take care and enjoy the weekend,

Haydon Staines Principal
Malak Primary School

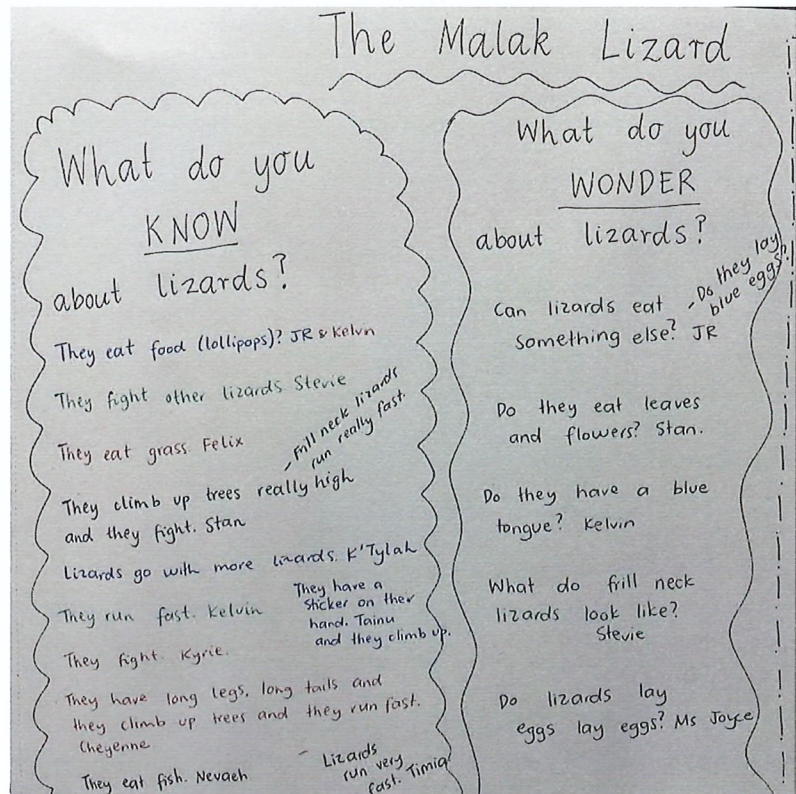


Science in Transition

with Ms Joyce and Mr Max



In Science, Transition learnt about living things. We explored animals and we focused on the Malak School Lizard. We used our prior knowledge to share what we knew about lizards, before sharing some of our wonderings. We loved going outside and looking at the Malak lizard and discussing what it looked like. We also watched a video about frill neck lizards and Ms Joyce read some books about different types of lizards to help us gain more information about them.



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