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Newsletter Term 1, Week 10, 2024

It 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,

It is Week 10; can you believe it? What an amazing term, filled to the brim with meaningful and engaging learning. As always, thank you for playing such an important role in assisting us to provide a quality education for all students. Students return to school in Term 2 on Tuesday the 16th April.

I will be taking leave for 6 months from next term, using this time to spend with and care for my family. The Department of Education are currently working through backfilling my position and will confirm the appointment of a temporary Principal as soon as possible.

An Easter Extravaganza and Harmony Day

Thank you to all the families that joined us for Our Easter Extravaganza last Wednesday and what an evening it was! Students and their families (as well as teachers too) all enjoyed the disco, face painting, chocolate egg hunts and Easter hat parade.

We followed it up with a wonderful Harmony Day on the Thursday. As a school we came together in traditional dress and orange, highlighting the occasion by making a sea of hands display with all students creating cut-out hands decorated with colours and designs that represent them (their cultural background, their language, their birthplace etc). Students participated in activity rotations where each class visited another teacher to participate in a Harmony Day lesson before we came back together for a whole school assembly that showcased cultural performances. This was followed by a community luncheon.

A huge thank you to all our families who were involved. It was certainly something very special.

As a school, we are really keen to continue to create opportunities such as these to come together as a school community, celebrate learning and simply have fun- watch this space!

Brien Holden Foundation Eye Clinic

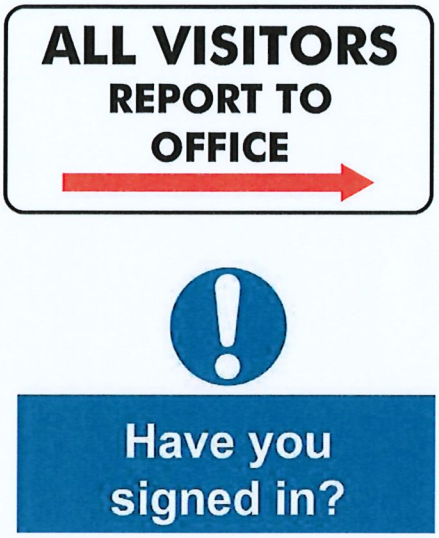
We received our second visit from the Brien Holden Foundation ophthalmologists who continued to run free eye tests for our students. In total, 85 of our students participated in eye tests, with 15 of our students and their families being supported to organise glasses.

A huge thank you to the Brien Holden Foundation for their efforts, and a shout out to the Malak Student Success Team for organising and making this happen.

Friendly reminders for all family visitors

With our new fencing close to being complete, a few friendly reminders for all family visitors during teaching time (8:00am to 2:20pm).

- If you are arriving early to pick up your child/ren, please go through the front office. Admin staff will organise for your child to come up to the office, where you can then sign them out before heading off. *Preschool is the exception.*
- If you are needing to see your child or drop something off during learning time, please go through the front office where admin staff will organise for your child to come up to the office to meet you.
- We respectfully ask parents and caregivers to not be on the school grounds or waiting outside of classrooms prior to 2:10pm.
- If students are on the school grounds prior to 7:45am, they must be within the Breakfast Room (Barra Room). Students are not to arrive at school prior to 7:30am.
- All students who arrive late must sign in late through the front office before heading to class.



Your understanding and ongoing support with this is greatly appreciated.

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 holiday,

Haydon Staines Principal
Malak Primary School

5/6L Penpals with Alva school in Scotland.

During Term 1 5/6L students have been lucky to be able to share letters with a class in Scottish highlands. A little village named Alva is where their school is. It is found at the base of the Ochil Hills and it has been snowing there. The Scottish students are fascinated to hear from Malak students about life in Darwin, Australia. They are amazed at how we survive in such tropical heat and wondered if we have crocodiles and kangaroos in our playground! The students are really enjoying sharing information and through the wonders of Google Drive we are not waiting for Snail Mail!

We are looking forward with excited anticipation to hearing from out Scottish penpals after the holidays.

Map showing the position of
Alva
within the United Kingdom

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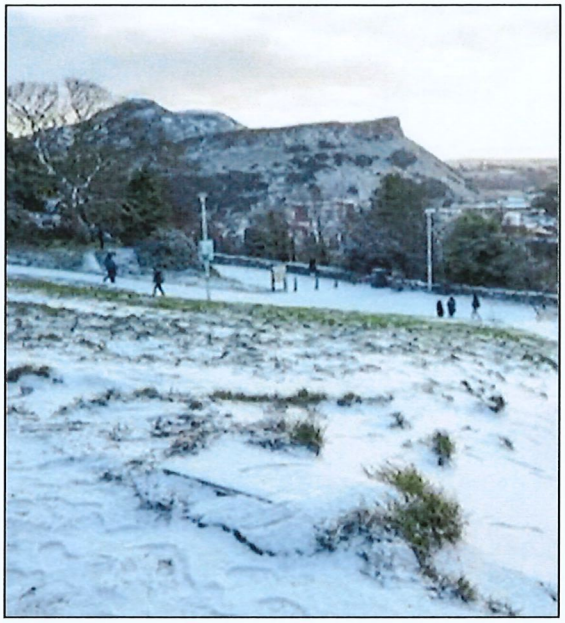

SPORTING NEWS

A HUGE CONGRATS TO…

TAKIYAH AND DEQUARNE

WHO HAVE BEEN SELECTED IN **NT AFL TEAMS** TO COMPETE AT THE AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS IN GEELONG FROM 4 – 10 AUGUST 2024.

GOOD LUCK!!

WE ARE ALL VERY PROUD OF YOU BOTH!!