



Tartan Times

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Happy Holidays!

TERM 2
STARTS
MON 15th
APRIL



What's Happening

18.04.24	Yr 3 Great Anzac Biscuit Bake-off
23.04.24	P&C Association General Meeting
29.04.24	Poem In Your Pocket Day
30.04.24	Yr 3 Star Lab Incursion Yr 4 Downfall Creek Excursion
01.05.24	Yrs 5-6 Wavell SHS Problem-solving Challenge
02.05.24	Yr 4 Downfall Creek Excursion
07-08.05.24	Yr 2 Bugs Education Incursion
09.05.24	P&C Association Mother's Day Stall
10.05.24	Inter-School Sport P-2 Under 8's Day (8am - 12pm)
13.05.24	Yr 6 Mathematics Olympiad
17.05.24	Inter-School Sport Walk Safely to School Day
20.05.24	School Council Meeting
21.05.24	Fanfare - Strings (Ferny Grove SS)
22.05.24	P-2 National Simultaneous Story Time
23.05.24	Yr 5 Street Science Incursion Fanfare - Bands (The Gap SS)
24.05.24	Inter-School Sport
27.05.24	P&C Association General Meeting
05-06.06.24	Yr 4 Junior Strings Workshop - (Aspley SS)
10.06.24	Yr 6 Mathematics Olympiad
12.06.24	Yrs 4-6 Athletics Carnival - Field Events & 800m
13.06.24	Yrs 3-4 Morning Melodies Matinee (Yr 3 Classes & Yr 4 Ensembles - Adagio Strings, Metro / Myer Band) Yrs 5-6 Performing Arts Celebration Concert (Hall)
14.06.24	Yrs 4-6 Athletics Carnival
17-19.06.24	Prep Vision Screening
19-21.06.24	Yr 6 Camp (Sunshine Coast)

EDITION: 27 March 2024

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School Administration (Office)

Open Mon to Fri, 8.00am – 4.00pm
Payment days: Tue & Thur: 8am – 11am

Recess Times

Prep – Year 2: 10.30am – 11.10am
12.45pm – 1.25pm
Years 3 – 6: 11.00am – 11.40am
1.15pm – 1.55pm

School Assemblies

Mon: 9:00 – 9:30am (Years 3–6)
Wed: 8.30 – 9:00am (Prep–Year 2)

Tartan Tuckerbox (Tuckshop)

Monday: 1st break only
Open Tuesday to Friday
Flexischools orders avail. Mon-Fri
To volunteer: [click here](#)

Uniform Shop

Open Mon & Thu, 7.45am to 9.30am

Standard Uniform (Mon – Thu)

- Tartan or red polo shirt
- Bottle green pants shorts / skirts
- Bottle green socks & black shoes (Tartan)
- White socks & black shoes (red polo shirt)
- Red bucket (for Prep Year) or Bottle green reversible broad-brimmed hat
- Winter: bottle green jacket, jumper and track pants

Friday (Sports)

- House shirt or red polo shirt if playing inter-school sports
- Bottle green pants shorts / skirts
- White socks
- School hat

Principal’s Post

Acknowledgement of Country – We are learning on Turrbal country.

I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands where we learn, the Turrbal people, and recognise their continuing connection to land, air and sea. I also pay my respect to all Elders past, present and those who are emerging here at McDowall SS and in all schools and educational settings.



NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students completed NAPLAN online assessments this term. The process went really smoothly, with the students completing the assessments over three days and one day extra for catch ups. Well done to the students for diligently focusing on doing their best during the assessments. Results will be released later in the year. NAPLAN assesses Literacy and Numeracy skills that students are already learning at school. The students in Years 3 and 5 were assessed in the following areas that are aligned to the Australian Curriculum, General capabilities of Literacy (Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language) and in Numeracy.



Harmony Week

Harmony Week was acknowledged last week at McDowall SS. Harmony Week recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and building a sense of belonging for everyone. The theme of Harmony Week for 2024 is ‘Everyone Belongs’ with the central message of kindness, empathy and understanding to be the focus of Harmony Week.



Thank-you to Volunteers

A heartfelt thank-you goes to the fundraising subcommittee of the P&C and all the volunteers involved in the Disco, election BBQ including cake stall, and Ride to School day. I am extremely thankful for the generosity of the volunteers and all who donated items. I am grateful for your support of the wider school community. Thank-you!



School Holidays

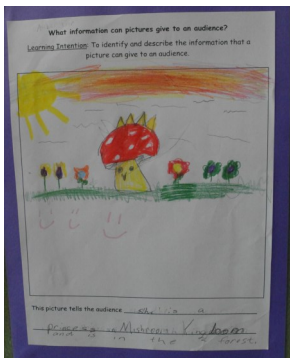
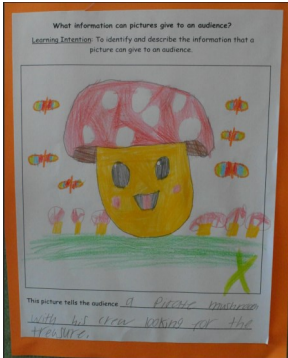
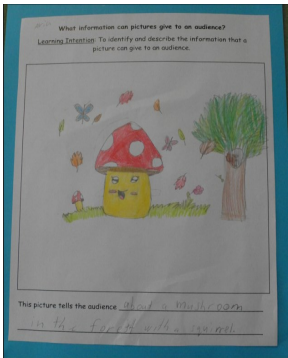


School holidays commence after Thursday 28th March. I wish all students and staff a safe and relaxing holiday. Please note that school staff will not be responding to emails and other communication during the holiday period. School resumes on Monday 15th April.

CONTACT: Ms Imogen Stager, Principal

Principal’s Gallery

w/c 15th Apr	PC2	Please enjoy a snapshot of art-work featured from 3F4
w/c 22nd Apr	201	
w/c 29th Apr	202	
w/c 6th May	5D4	



Music News

Band Uniforms



All members of performing ensembles are required to wear the correct McDowall State School Instrumental Music Programme uniform when performing in public or at other advised events. Next term, a number of our ensembles will be performing in our first Celebration Concert for the year. The correct uniform must be worn to this performance.

Students who play in **Cantabile Strings**, **Presto Strings**, **Keona Band** and **Rode Band** will require the formal band uniform. Ordering of this uniform through the tuckshop has now closed with all orders needing to be placed by Friday 22nd March. However, the opportunity to purchase second hand uniforms is still possible through the uniform shop.

Northside Region Junior Instrumental Music Workshops

A number of our instrumental music students will be attending regional workshops next term. Year 4 strings students will be attending a two day workshop at Aspley State School on Wednesday, 05 June & Thursday, 06 June, 2024. Beginner Band Blitz workshop dates and venue is yet to be confirmed.

An information letter will be sent home early next term with information regarding the online registration and payment process. This year, all registrations and payments for regional workshops will be completed online.

The purpose of the workshops is to provide extension programmes for music students, to provide ensemble experience according to student level and to provide access for students to expert tuition from guest conductors and tutors. We wish the students all the best and their teachers all the very best!

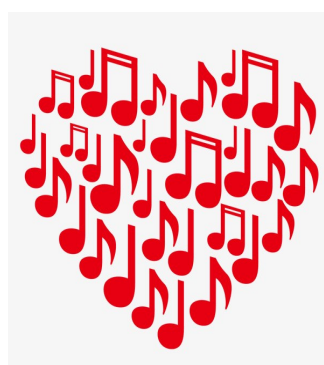
Beginner Band Blitz



Northside Honours Instrumental Music Workshop Nomination Process

A number of our Year 6 students have been invited to nominate for the Senior Primary Schools' Instrumental Music Workshop to be held from Tuesday, 9 July to Thursday, 11 July, 2024 at the Old Museum Building, Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills. Places will be offered for woodwind, brass, string and percussion instruments who successfully fulfil the nomination and selection process.

Workshop activities include performing in concert bands, string orchestra, stage band, symphony orchestra, combined choir, as well as the opportunity to perform new and challenging music with other performers of a similar level. Guest tutors and conductors have been scheduled to work with students throughout the week. The workshop will conclude with a free concert for parents/carers on the final day of the workshop.



MUSIC

FANFARE

Fanfare is the state-wide festival of bands and orchestras from Queensland state schools. Since its inception in 1985, Fanfare has fostered the development of thousands of young Queensland musicians and highlighted the achievements of the music teachers of school-based ensembles participating in the Department of Education and Training's Instrumental Music Program. The program has been held on a biennial basis since 1986. Fanfare provides an environment to motivate young students to develop their skills and raise artistic levels, to be applauded by audiences, other contestants and adjudicators alike.

Presto Strings, **Adagio Strings**, **Cantabile Strings** and **Allegro Strings**, as well as **Rode Band**, **Keona Band** and **Metro and Mayer Bands** will perform in this competition. At this stage, dates in May are yet to be confirmed. An information letter will go home with details as soon as they are confirmed.

We wish all of our ensembles all the very best for their respective performances.

CONTACT: Ms Vanessa Crowhurst, Head of Department - Curriculum

Guidance Officer News

Queensland Engagement and Wellbeing Survey

In Term 2, students in Years 4-6 will be asked to take part in the Queensland Engagement and Wellbeing (QEW) Survey.

We know that wellbeing and engagement are important parts of your child's life at school. The QEW Survey is designed to measure how students view their wellbeing and engagement across different topics. The information we get from the survey helps us better understand and support our students.

An information letter will be sent out to parents and carers closer to the time. If you have any questions, please contact the school. More information, including FAQs, can be found on the Education website: (<https://qed.qld.gov.au/publications/reports/statistics/schooling/students/queensland-engagement-wellbeing-survey>).



CONTACT: Mrs Ellie Goodwin, Guidance Officer