**Date claimers**

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| 16 | ➢ NAPLAN – Catch Up  
➢ North District Gala Day No. 2 Years 5-7 |
| 19 | ➢ Education Week  
➢ Fanfare Years 4-7  
➢ School Evacuation Drill |
| 21 | ➢ Year 5 Planetarium |
| 23 | ➢ National Walk Safely To School Day  
➢ Fanfare at Craigielea SHS 10.30am-2.30pm |
| 26 | ➢ School Lock-down Drill |
| 27 | ➢ Regional Cross Country – St Pauls  
➢ P&C Association General Meeting 7pm K Block |
| 28 | ➢ Albany Creek SHS Open Day – Year 6 4pm-6pm |
| 29 | ➢ Albany Creek SHS Open Day – Year 7 4pm-6pm |
| 30 | ➢ North District Gala Day No. 3 Yrs 5-7 |

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| 3 | ➢ Tartan Network Meeting  
➢ School Health & Safety Meeting 8am |
| 4 | ➢ Reading Flying Gang Afternoon Tea 1.45pm |
| 5 | ➢ Yr 4 Picasso Art Show & Breakfast 8am-8.45am |
| 10 | ➢ 1J1 – ‘Home for Hermit Crab’  
➢ OSH Sub-Committee Meeting |
| 11 | ➢ 1J5 - ‘Home for Hermit Crab’  
➢ Assembly ‘Road Star Visit’ |
| 11-13 | ➢ Junior Instrumental Music Camp |
| 16-20 | ➢ Parent & Teacher interviews  
➢ Inter-House Cross Country P-7 |
| 23 | ➢ School Art Competition Assembly  
➢ Student Reports issued  
➢ IJ4 – ‘Home for Hermit Crab’ |
| 24 | ➢ IJ2 – ‘Home for Hermit Crab’ excursion  
➢ P & C Association General Meeting 7pm K Block |
| 25 | ➢ School Art Competition Assembly  
➢ Winter Photographs – Choirs / Sports  
➢ Performing Arts Celebration Concert 6.30pm  
➢ IJ3 – ‘Home for Hermit Crab’ |
| 26 | ➢ Student Casual Dress Day  
➢ Inter-House Athletics Field Events – Years 5-7  
➢ IJ6 – ‘Home for Hermit Crab’ |
| 27 | ➢ Inter-House Athletics Track Events – P-7 |

**General information**

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**

YEARS 3-7: Monday 8:55am – 9:30am  
PREP-YR 2: Wednesday 9:00am – 9:30am  
** Parents are welcome to attend School Assemblies.**

**SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP**

OPEN: Monday and Thursday from 8.15am to 9.30am.  
- Black leather or jogger shoes are school uniform wear  
- Bottle green socks are worn with the Tartan Uniform and Preparatory Year variation  
- White (red/bottle green bands) socks are worn with the Sports Uniform (polo shirt) specific purpose variation.  
- Bottle green jacket or jumper is to be worn. Track suit available.  
- Please mark all items with the child's name.

**TARTAN TUCKERBOX ROSTER**

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| 16 | Rachel C, Narelle C, Heather C  
➢ HELPERS NEEDED |
| 20 | Michelle B, HELPERS NEEDED  
➢ Stacey D, Kim S |
| 22 | Ashleigh S, Belinda I, Danel S  
➢ Lara J, Carla T, Sheralee H |
| 23 | Tracey H, HELPERS NEEDED  
➢ Judy M, Joy M, Tania W |
| 29 | Suzanne D, Gail A, Dianne B-S |
| 30 | Michelle M, Enza M, Susan P |
From the Principal

Our School

The McDowall State School delivers excellence in quality preparatory and primary education services. The purpose of the McDowall State School is to implement the Australian preparatory and primary curriculum and deliver effective professional teaching services within a supportive school learning environment facilitating achievement of personal excellence. Our vision is for all students to experience success and to assume increasing levels of self-responsibility in the achievement of pre-determined learning outcomes within a supportive learning context strengthened by partnerships.

Our work and decision-making is therefore guided by the values of:

1. **Focus on the Child**
   Our collective decision-making, goodwill and endeavour is to benefit enrolled children.

2. **Quality Curriculum**
   Teachers being able to interpret, construct, implement and review the best curriculum possible.

3. **Effective Teaching Resulting in Learning**
   Supporting highly skilled teaching practitioners to achieve the best outcomes for all students.

4. **Partnerships – Staff, Students, Parents and Community**
   Parents and community actively supporting and complementing school operations, investing additional funding, resources, time, facilities and opportunities to make ‘Our Great State School’ even better.

5. **Best Outcomes for All Students**
   We aspire to achieve the best learning outcomes for all enrolled students. We acknowledge that parents should always access the ‘most appropriate school programme’ at which-ever school location for the specific learning needs of their child.

Parents

Friday, 23rd May is P&C Association Day. This day acknowledges the role that parents and volunteers play in State Schools to deliver an educational experience for enrolled students that is far superior than that which would be provided through a reliance on the base or core level of resource provision provided by government. McDowall State School parents expect, and our teachers want to deliver, a more extensive programme than that which can be provided through such a ‘core provision’. McDowall State School will always reflect the aspirations, commitment and investment made by parents and community in our “Great State School”. Indeed, if you value the professional educational services delivered by staff in the formal education of your child/ren, you will actively engage with and support the school in every practical way possible.

Professional teaching staff will never replace the parent nor assume parental responsibilities. Professional teaching staff strive to formally build upon and complement parental endeavours bringing up their children as future socially responsible and productive citizens within Australian society. Building on the education that parents invest in their children, professional teaching staff implement the “Australian Curriculum” from Preparatory Year through to Year 7. The ‘Australian Curriculum’ is readily available to parents at: [www.australiancurriculum.edu.au](http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au). Parents can view curriculum subject overviews, level descriptors, content descriptors and achievement standards. Year Work Sample Portfolios display child work exemplars denoting above average, average and below average. It is through effective teacher, parent and student partnerships that our students will continue to excel and achieve in line with our collective aspirations.

The role of parent is increasingly more complex, demanding and challenging within a dynamic, expectant modern society. As Principal, I simply expect that every parent be the very best parent that they possibly can be, on behalf of their child. Parents want the very best for their children but all find themselves in varied circumstance. It is not for the school community nor Principal to judge but children certainly do deserve priority investment (time, education, finance, resource and home) on behalf of a parent. Again, the McDowall State School will reflect the priorities upheld by parents and community on behalf of enrolled children.
Engagement and Support

So how does a parent actively engage with and support our ‘Great State School’? The McDowall State School Parent and Community Engagement 2014 document is available for parent perusal at: www.mcdowallsse.eq.edu.au. This document provides an overview of what already happens within our school. You are invited to take up one of these many opportunities. Speak with your child’s class teacher and offer your assistance. The most significant investment a parent can make in the life of their child, is time – whether at home or as a volunteer within the school. Understanding the working commitments of parents, this time investment may simply be evident by a parent taking an active interest in student home study, projects, reading, etc. By taking an interest in what your child does at school, tells your child that their education is important to you.

It is Your P&C Association

The McDowall State School Parents’ and Citizens’ Association is made up of volunteer parents and interested community members. This is the premier parent forum for McDowall State School. The P&C Association operates on behalf of all parents and community to promote the interests of, and facilitate the development and further improvement of our school. For example: Promoting parent participation and encouraging collaboration between parents, students, school communities and non-government entities to foster a commitment to achieving the best possible educational outcomes for enrolled students. Your P&C Association can only be as effective as its active representative membership. They have achieved extra-ordinary projects that have improved facilities and educational experiences for all our students. For example: Construction of the Preparatory Year Playfield, Provision of an E-Learning Centre, Construction of the Activity Building and Doubling the size of the School Hall, all while continuing to invest in teaching aids, reading materials for student use and additional teacher-aide time. Your P&C Association (and its parent volunteers) operate through Sub-Committees responsible for: (a) Active School Travel (b) Fundraising (c) OSH (d) Shops – Tuckshop and Uniform Shop; and (e) Tartan Network. Parent volunteers assume the following roles: (a) Communications (b) Grants (c) Grounds Rep (d) Health & Safety Rep (e) P&Cs Qld Rep (f) School Banking (g) School Book Club; and (h) Promotions.

Your P&C Association meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday, from 7pm to 9pm in K Block.

Thank You

May I sincerely and earnestly commend parents for the tremendous job that you do in bringing up your child/ren. How you do this and the investment that you make in your child is evident at school. How you educate your child in preparing them for their Preparatory Year and encourage them through their formal schooling DOES make a difference. The class teacher wants your child to experience regular achievement so that we can all celebrate every success and teach your child to assume increasing levels of self-responsibility. We all want the same thing. Responsibility is not the result of maturity but the cause of it.

May I sincerely and earnestly acknowledge and applaud the many parent volunteers who ensure that our P&C Association is effective and delivers the best possible facilities and support services to our students. I also want to thank the many volunteers who are seen regularly throughout our ‘Great State School’ actively supporting and complementing the professional work of a fantastic school staff. Finally, if you endeavour to be the very best parent that you possibly can be for your child, take great pride in your achievement. Your investment and legacy will live on within your child for the rest of their life time.

Together, in Partnership, We Deliver Educational Excellence

Together, as professional teachers and parents, we unite knowledge, skills, experiences and time availability, to achieve the best possible learning outcomes for all enrolled students. It is this supportive relationship, in all its forms, that is described in the terms, “school community” and “partnership”. Neither parent nor teacher, on their own, can deliver an educational excellence that results in best possible learning outcomes for all students. Both parents and teachers must be united and supportive of the other, in a focus on the child. Both parent and teacher endeavour to do the best that they can. In acknowledging this, we accept that parents should always access the ‘most appropriate school programme’ at which-ever school location for the specific learning needs of their child.
Principal's Gallery

Every day, in every classroom, McDowall State School teachers and students achieve high standards. Learning is about the journey travelled with the culmination resulting in excellent samples of student work. Each week, classes are provided the opportunity to showcase some of this work in the “Principal’s Gallery” located within the School Administration Foyer.

Student works will feature from the following classes on the weeks beginning:

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Year 5 News

Mother's Day Breakfast

On Friday 9th May from 8:00am - 8:30am, Year 5 mothers and grandmothers attended a breakfast outside the Year 5 classrooms. Students presented their mothers with a variety of gifts especially made for Mother's Day.

It was lovely to see so many parents at the breakfast before the students headed off to their respective sports for North District Gala Day.

We hope you all enjoyed the morning and had a great Mother's Day on Sunday 11.

With thanks, Year 5 Teachers

Year Five Soccer Report

Our Year 5 boys soccer squads ventured out to Zillmere recently to compete in three games each for the North District Gala Day (1). The Red team literally hopped off the bus just in time for kick-off. In a very entertaining and hard fought match, the boys came away with a 5-3 win over Eatons Hill State School. Goal Keeper, Luke M produced a flawless display throughout all three games, stopping anything that came near the goal area. Solid defence allowed Luke F and Mason N to play with real flair, to create and capitalise on scoring opportunities. By day’s end, the Red squad returned to school undefeated from their three matches.

The Green squad had a very successful day despite being short-numbered due to player injury and illness. In their first outing of the season, they defeated Eatons Hill State School 5-1 before battling out a 2-0 loss to Aspley State School. For the final game of the day, Albany Hills State School had no answer to McDowall’s very own goal scoring machine Finn M who finished the match off with seven goals.

CONTACT: Mr Heath McDonald – Year 5 Teacher
Book Club

All Book Club orders are due back at school by Friday 16th May. Orders can be placed in the box at the School Library or at the Preparatory Centre. Thank you for supporting our Book Club. It has certainly been very popular here at McDowall and through our earned credit points, we’ve been able to buy many new resources for our school. (Unclaimed item: If you paid for an order from our last Book Club but haven’t received it yet, please come and see us at the School Library.)

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Queensland’s annual Premier’s Reading Challenge is a great opportunity to encourage students to read for both learning and leisure. Hundreds of schools and thousands of students participated last year, with 2014 set to be just as popular. The reading period is from 20th May through to 5th September.

Some classes at McDowall State School are registering in the Challenge. Students also have the option to register as an individual. Please come and see Ms Davis at the School Library as soon as possible if you’d like to do this. You can also register at home, simply visit Premier’s Reading Challenge.

National Simultaneous Storytime

Prep to Year 3 students are invited to participate in this event on Wednesday 21st May. We’ll be reading in the School Hall, punctually starting at 10:15am. This year’s book is ‘Too Many Elephants in This House’ by Ursula Dubosarsky; one of Australia’s most popular children’s book authors. This book was shortlisted in the Children’s Book Council Book Week Awards in 2013. Our Storytime will be finished by 10:30am, allowing students to go to their morning tea break. Parents are invited to attend this event. We would love to have you there!

NAIDOC Week Book Swap

As part of NAIDOC Week celebrations in July, we will be holding a Book Swap. We held our first one last year and it was a great success. We’ve already started our Book Swap collection but need your help! If you have any books you’d be willing to donate to a good home and good cause, please come and see us at the School Library. All donated books will be displayed during NAIDOC Week (6th – 13th July) and everyone can come in and purchase a book for a gold coin. Money raised through the Book Swap goes toward supporting indigenous literacy.

Book Jackets

One of our current library projects is to create a feature wall with a collage of book (or dust) jackets; which are proving a little tricky to find! We are very appreciative of any book jackets you might have at home that you would be able to donate to our project. Jackets need to be in good condition and are to be of children’s fiction titles. Thank you for your help.

CONTACT: Mrs Jan Saunders - Teacher Librarian
Music

Qld Youth Music Awards

Congratulations to the Wind Ensemble and the String Ensemble. Both ensembles came in second place at the Queensland Youth Music Awards last week, winning $100 each to go towards the Instrumental Music Programme at McDowall State School. A fabulous result.

Junior Music Camp

Junior Music Camp is a fantastic opportunity for Instrumental Music Students. Band students in their first year of tuition and string students in their second year of tuition should have received permission notes and payment information last week. Parents - please be sure to read all information carefully as well as the details regarding the final performance. If you are unsure about any of this information please speak with Mrs Gyte, Mrs Payne or Miss Pomroy for clarification.

Fanfare

Our String Ensemble and Wind Ensemble are competing in the state-wide Fanfare competition on Friday 23 May at Craigslea State High School. Students who have not yet returned their permission note and bus payment need to do this by Friday 16 May. Please be sure to read all information carefully.

Students who have not returned the Project Consent Form will not be permitted to take part in this activity. Please note: the Project Consent Form and Permission Note are different forms. Entry for parents is free at this event, so please come along and support your children.

Celebration Concert

Members of the Wind Ensemble and String Ensemble should now have their full band uniform. Students in the Concert Band and Adagio Strings (not junior strings) will need to have full band uniform for our Celebration Concert in June. Vests can be hired directly through the School Uniform Shop.

CONTACT: Ms Amber Pomroy - Music Teacher
North District Cross Country Championships

On Monday 5th May, our Cross Country runners competed in the North District Cross Country Championships at Pine Rivers Park, Bald Hills. Our team of 44 students braved a brisk 10° morning to compete against 16 other schools.

After a walk-through of the course, the day began with the 10 year old girls and boys running 2 km. They were followed by the 11, 12 and 13 year olds who ran 3 km. Our talented athletes did our school very proud; landing McDowall State School with two trophies for aggregate and percentage points. This is our best result in eight years!

Additionally, 15 of our runners have earned a place within the North District Team. Congratulations to all students for participating in the championships! You put in the effort in training and performed well. Thank you to Mr Henderson for organising the carnival and training the students each morning! A special thank you to the parents who brought their children to school each training morning and for supporting the school team today!

10 year old group
- Abby N
- Levi A
- Shaun R
- Reeve A

11 year old group
- Oliver C
- Tiernan B
- Lani R

12 year old group
- Damin A
- Kyra E
- Emily D

13 year old group
- Tom L
- Noah B
- Karan R
- Molly H
- Ella H


Front row, left to right: Daniel P, Harvey R, Ben H, Thomas L, Levi A and Shaun R. Top row, left to right: Karan R and Reeve A.

Key dates for Term 2 athletics
- School Cross Country: Friday 20 June
- Inter-House Field events: Thursday 26 June
- Inter-House Sports Day: Friday 27 June
- Gala Days: Friday 16 May, Friday 30 May
Regional Sports Teams

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing McDowall State School on the following sports teams:

**North District Soccer**
- Thomas C
- Macey W

**North District Rugby League**
- Tory B
- Cooper B
- Lachlan SC
- Lachlan M
- Siaosi T

**Metropolitan North Rugby League**
- Siaosi T

**Metropolitan North Hockey**
- Corey P
- Kyra E

Running Club

Running Club is still on every Monday and Friday from 8am on the School Oval.

Jerseys / Uniforms

If your child borrowed a school jersey for North District Gala Days, they will need to return it to their coach after North District Gala Days. Please ensure it comes back to us in good condition. Our Cross Country team looked great in the new athletics singlets. I think it helped them to run faster! Please return singlets to Mrs Bowen, Cross Country Team Manager. Thanks!

CONTACT: Mr Paul Henderson – PE Teacher

P & C Association

PCYC - Active School Travel

Congratulations to the following winners from the Heart Week Competition:

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CONTACT: Mrs Sybil Bentley - Parent Volunteer
Parents accessing the McDowall State School Metro Street Car Park are to approach the school gate on the left-hand side of the vehicle. This means that drivers can clearly see any other vehicles using this car park.

Please refer to the article below, drawn from the School Website.

Dear School Community,

To improve the flow of traffic in Metro, Goldwyn and Mayer Streets at school start and finish times the following parking measures apply:

- ‘No Stopping’ zones on the inside of each corner.
- A ‘No Stopping’ zone adjacent to the school’s rear entrance.
- ‘No Parking (between 7-9am & 2-4pm)’ zones on the inside of the Metro, Goldwyn, Mayer Streets circuit.

Traffic should flow in a clockwise direction (as indicated by the arrows on the image below)

From a notice issued by Cr Norm Wyndham.

BT Fogarty  Principal.