Celebration Concert

Congratulations to the many talented students who performed within the McDowall State School Celebration Concert held on Wednesday evening 25th June, 2014. It was a great night! Events like these can’t happen without many volunteers, so a huge “Thank You” to all parents and staff who contributed their time and endeavour ensuring the concert went off with a bang!

The next School Concert is the Chamber Music Night, due to be held on Thursday 4th September, 2014. This Concert is of a more intimate style, comprising of small ensemble and solo performances. We hope to see you there!

Junior Choir (top), Adagio strings (above left), Concert Band (above right)
School Council

School Council Nominations CLOSE THIS FRIDAY 27TH JUNE

Nominations must be received by the Returning Officer, Ms Sandra Davis (through School Administration) or schoolcouncil@mcdowallss.eq.edu.au by 3.30pm.

Nomination Forms may be collected from School Administration or from www.mcdowallss.eq.edu.au in the ‘Our community’ – ‘School Council’ section.

During the School Holidays

Look after our School

Not everyone values our school, so if you see or hear anything of concern, please report it to School Watch.

Trespassing

During the holidays, the school gates are locked and anyone found inside the school grounds by Police, contractors or staff will have their presence challenged. Contractors and OSH staff are instructed to take digital photographs and refer such people to the Police.

Unless you have written authorisation from the Principal, adults and children found within the school grounds are trespassing and can be charged by the Police. If charges are laid by the Police for school damage and vandalism, the Principal expects that legally enforced restitution will be sought to recover any associated repair costs.

Access to OSH

During the school holidays, access to OSH is only via the Metro Street gate.

Art Assembly

Each year, McDowall State School holds an Art Competition across P-7. We are constantly amazed at the artistic and creative talents of our students and 2014 is no exception! At Junior and Senior Assemblies this week, our School Hall was transformed into an art gallery as we displayed and announced the following Year Level finalists:

Prep: Aiden P, Amelie S, Anika L, Iona R (shown), Marcus C
Year 1: Ai-Vy T, Ava M (shown), Blayne M, Erin H, Shimei P
Year 2: Chanelle B, Giselle T, Jamie W (shown), Miranda D, Stephanie B
Year 3: Bea M, Darcy B, Ebony G (shown), Emma H, Issac W
Year 4: Abbie B, Aohang D, Jacinta H (shown), Jorja S, Matisa M
Year 5: Hanna G, Isobel A, Jaheim F (shown), Jasmine C, Shanaya J
Year 6: Charlotte E (shown), Freya K, Millie A, Isobelle S, Natalie P
Year 7: Oliver A, Owen T, Rebecca J, Sasha T, Zane B (shown)

These are just a small sample of some of this year’s fantastic entries...
Go Grevillea!

It might have been a brisk, rainy morning, but nothing could dampen the spirits of our students for the Inter-house Cross Country on Friday 20th June, 2014. Parents, family and friends were also out in force to cheer on our little champions.

A big "CONGRATULATIONS" to Grevillea, who finished in first place on the day with 773 points. They were followed closely by Banksia with 720 points, Melaleuca with 659 points and Acacia with 656 points.

It was a fantastic achievement by all runners, with the following students securing first place in their Year Level:

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Our special guest for the day was the Hon. Wayne Swan MP, who sponsored our trophies for Year Level winners. We’d like to sincerely thank Mr Swan for supporting our school and for taking the time to personally present the trophies to our students.
Creativity in the Classroom

‘Fun Friday’
‘Fun Friday’ is a weekly incentive and reward program for PA2. If students complete all of their work and have been well behaved all week, they are rewarded with fun activities such as dress-ups and drawing. Once a week, their ‘buddies’ from 6C2 also join in.

Knitting
Here at McDowall State School, we have a number of classes who are learning the age old craft of knitting. Learning to knit is not only fun and creative, but can improve fine motor coordination, concentration and problem-solving.

Library News

NAIDOC Week Book Swap
We held our Book Swap on Tuesday and Wednesday this week and it was a great success. A diverse range of books were donated covering a wide range of ages and interests. We had something for everyone! Thank you to everyone at McDowall State School who has supported this project.

All proceeds from the Book Swap will be donated to Indigenous literacy programs to improve reading among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

Book Week – Term 3
We’ve got some exciting events planned for Book Week, including the Reading Hour event on Tuesday 19th August and the big Pyjama Party to be held on Wednesday, 20th August, 2014. We’ll also be combining our Book Fair, a sausage sizzle and other surprises! Watch this space - more information in the next Tartan Times!

Holiday Reading
Students have been able to borrow books from the School Library to read over the holidays but don’t forget your local public library as well. Visit their website or call in and see them to find out about their holiday program and grab a book while you’re there!

CONTACT: Mrs Jan Saunders - Teacher Librarian

Defence Family News

School holidays are upon us, and news of postings will soon begin to filter through. Do you have any idea where you are heading for 2015? Please let the DSTA know of any posting plans, so that we are better able to prepare and transition your child into their next location.

To keep in touch with your local community, visit the DCO Facebook page, 'Like' us on Facebook and receive information about support services for Defence families, link with other community organisations and get information for regional and national DCO events.

Feel free to contact me via School Administration or cjone404@eq.edu.au, should you have any concerns. Enjoy your holidays and see you in Term 3.

CONTACT: Mrs Chris Jones – Defence School Transition Aide
What's Happening

JUNE 2014
26  Inter-house Athletics Carnival – FIELD – Yr 5-7
27  Inter-house Athletics Carnival – TRACK – Prep-Yr 7
28  SCHOOL HOLIDAYS START

JULY 2014
14  SCHOOL STARTS – TERM 3
17  "H Team" performance by Brainstorm Productions – Yr 1-7
18  Yr 1 – 100 Days Activity
21  Sports Assembly  Yr 5 – 7
"H Team" performance by Brainstorm Productions – Prep
22  P&C Association Meeting  K Block 7pm
28  North District Athletics – Bowden Park, Geebung
Yr 2 – Visit to Bunyaville (2O1, 2O2)
29  North District Athletics – Bowden Park, Geebung
30  Evacuation Drill
School Council Elections Staff 2.45-3.30pm  Parents 2.15-3pm
31  Yr 3 – Ngutana-Lui Excursion
Yr 4 – Living History
Yr 2 – Visit to Bunyaville (2J7, 2J8)

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4   Yr 2 – Visit to Bunyaville (2Q1, 2Q2)

Tartan Tuckerbox

Tuckshop Assistant Vacancy

Our Tuckshop Assistant Mrs Sally Gunn will be stepping down in Term 3 (but will continue to be an active P&C Association Volunteer), so we’d like to thank Sally for all of her hard work and dedication!

As such, we’re now advertising for a Tuckshop Assistant, details are:

- Position is for the remainder of 2014, that is Term 3 and Term 4
- Two days per week, approx. five hours per day (this may vary)
- A Blue Card (paid employee) is mandatory
- Tuckshop experience (paid or voluntary) is highly desirable

To apply, please email a brief (max. one page) application outlining your experience and interest in this position to shops@mcdowallss.com (attention Shops Chairperson).

Applications close Saturday 5th July 2014.

Urgent – Volunteers Needed

Unfortunately we have lost a few of our valuable volunteers and we desperately need some more for Fridays (our busiest day) and for Term 3 (our busiest of the year). If you can spare a few hours or the occasional day here and there, please see Mrs Anelle Moller (Tuckshop Manager) at the Tuckerbox, phone 3872 5304 or email tuckshop@mcdowallss.com

School Uniforms

Uniform Shop
Open Monday and Thursday
8:15am – 9:30am

Uniform Code

Daily
- Tartan or red polo shirt uniform (at school)

Tartan Day
- Tartan uniform only (when specified)

Friday
- House shirt uniform (at school)
- Red polo shirt uniform (interschool sport)

Other
- As formally advised (excursions and special events)
- 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. Tracksuit available
- Please mark all items with the child’s name

Tartan Tuckerbox Roster

15/07  Shirley E, Esther D
16/07  Andrea S, Michelle R
17/07  Julie F, Christine B, Stephanie H
18/07  Carla K, Garry L, HELP NEEDED
22/07  Shaleen Y, Leah C
23/07  Natalie P, Reiko M
24/07  Julie F, Jodie C, Lee P, Angela A
25/07  Rachel C, Narelle C, Heather C

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property collection – particularly clothing – is growing bigger every day. If you’ve lost something, please come and see if we have it, as we cannot store these items indefinitely. Please ensure you label all clothing.