**Have You Been Brushing Your Teeth?**

**The Dental Van is Coming...**

The Child and Adolescent Oral Health Programme will be offering treatment to McDowall State School students from 16\textsuperscript{th} March, 2015.

Consent forms for Years 2 - 6 were sent home with students last week. If you wish your child to be treated, please return the fully completed consent form (4 pages) to your class teacher by 23\textsuperscript{rd} February.

Due to the demands on the service parents who return consent forms after this date, may not necessarily have their children treated on site and may be offered treatment at another location.

Once dental staff receive a completed form your child will be examined. If your child requires further dental treatment, a ‘consent to treatment’ form will be issued for your signed consent.

Students from other Year Levels will be offered treatment after the Year 2 - 6 students are treated. Dates will be provided in upcoming editions of the Tartan Times. For any enquires please contact staff on 0418 737 490.

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**Quick Info**

**School Administration (Office)**
Open Mon to Fri, 8.00am – 4.00pm
Payment days: Wed & Fri, 8am – 11am

**School Assemblies**
Mon: 8:55 – 9:30am (Yrs 3–6)
Wed: 9:00 – 9:30am (Prep–Yr 2)

**Tartan Tuckerbox (Tuckshop)**
Closed - Monday
Open - Tuesday to Friday

**Uniform Shop**
Open Monday & Thursday 8.15am to 9.30am

**Standard Uniform (Mon – Thu)**
- Tartan or red polo shirt
- Bottle green pants shorts / skorts
- Bottle green socks & black leather shoes
- Bottle green bucket (for Prep Year) or 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 / skorts
- White socks (with red and bottle green stripes) and sports joggers
- School hat
**Principal’s Post**

**Student Leaders**
The McDowall State School Student Leadership Badge Presentations Assembly will be held in the School Hall on Monday 23rd February, 2015 from 8.55am. Badges of Office will be presented to School Captains, Vice Captains, Sports Captains, Cultural Captains and House Captains. Elected Student Councillors will also be acknowledged. Invited guests include McDowall SS Captains from 2014 and Cr Norm Wyndham. Parents are welcome to attend this assembly. We request that you be seated by 8.55am.

**School Enrolment Applications For 2016**
All parents seeking to enrol their children at McDowall State School for 2016 need to complete and lodge an Enrolment Application Form with School Administration as soon as possible. Should children reside outside the McDowall SS Enrolment Catchment Area, this does not exclude enrolment though limited vacancies may exist. It is therefore important that Enrolment Application Forms are received asap.

Student Enrolment Forms and information about the McDowall State School are located on the school website at: [www.mcdowallss.eq.edu.au](http://www.mcdowallss.eq.edu.au).

**SCHOOL WATCH**  
**Tel: 13 1788**  
**LOOK ..... LISTEN ..... REPORT**

We need your help! Not everyone values nor appreciates our school.

It is not expected that anyone will be found loitering or wandering among our buildings during week-ends or out-of-school hours. Gates are locked. Police will challenge your presence. Contractors and OSH staff are instructed to take digital photographs and refer such people to the police. If you see or hear anything out of the expected at our school, please ....... Phone 13 1788.

Unless you have written authorization from the Principal, adults and children found within the school grounds are trespassing and can be charged by the police. Please keep clear of the Out-of-School Hours Care Programme, unless you are a parent dropping off or collecting your child. OSH access is only via Metro Street gate. The Principal expects that when charges are made by police, that cost recovery be pursued through the courts for rectification costs associated with any school damage and vandalism.

**Active School Travel**
- There is limited parking available on streets surrounding the McDowall State School.
- Parent parking is not available within the school grounds, unless you are awarded a Flying Gang (parent volunteer) parking code for access into the Metro Street Car Park.
- Supervision is provided for children waiting at the Kiss-and-Ride Facility from 2.30pm-2.55pm and 3.00pm-3.20pm.

- **It is best to stagger vehicle arrival at the Kiss-and-Ride Facility** within these times. It is “crazy” to believe that all vehicles can arrive at the school at either 2.30pm or 3pm!! Children are safely supervised until they are collected by 4pm.
- Children accessing Translink Bus Services are supervised from 3pm until bus departure.
- If a family resides locally, it is expected that on most occasions, they will walk or ride a bike to school. This is a healthy, convenient approach.
- If a family resides some distance from the school, it is expected that they will car pool (if possible), use scheduled bus services (if possible) but most likely, park away from the immediate school area and walk to and from their vehicle. This requires pre-planning and can be a healthy approach.
- All drivers of vehicles are expected to comply with traffic rules, signage and laws. It is also expected that drivers of vehicles demonstrate courtesy and consideration of other road users, pedestrians and local residents. School staff will focus on student supervision and will not engage with traffic direction or management. Instead, issues are referred to both the Queensland Police Service and Brisbane City Council Officers for enforcement and the issue of fines. Local residents and parents are advised to do likewise.

**DON’T PARK HERE!**

This is an entry point for the school and needs to be accessible at all times.
P&C Association AGM 2015

The McDowall State School Parents’ and Citizens’ Association will hold its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 24th February, 2015 from 7pm in K Block. All Committee and Sub-Committee endorsed / audited Reports are due at School Administration. Annual Reports and audited financial statements will be presented during the AGM. Following the endorsement of reports, all P&C Association Executive positions will be declared vacant and nominations called for 2015.

The P&C Association is the “parent forum” and “business arm” of the McDowall State School. The Association exists to promote the interests of, and facilitate development and further improvement of the school. It is the P&C Association that delivers the services, funds and resources over and above ‘core’ government level provision. Benefitting all parents, P&C Association business enterprises such as Tartan Tuckerbox, Uniform Shop and OSH, provide services that are cost effective to parents and deliver essential additional funds into the school. Reinvested business profits ensure students receive the best possible educational experience and keep both school fees and expenses expected of parents low.

A majority of P&C Association Executive will stand down for 2015. An earnest and sincere thank you is expressed to the McDowall State School P&C Association Executive and membership for a very productive and successful partnership in furthering the development of our Great State School. To parents considering an active role within the P&C Association in 2015, please refer to the information on the P&C Qld website www.qcpca.org.au. Please discuss your interest with a standing P&C Association member or attend School Administration. We’ll pass your contact details on.

All P&C Association memberships lapse at the AGM. Parents need to annually re-apply for membership.

Sports Centre

The McDowall SS Out-of-School Hours Programme is a licenced service provider (as a business arm of the P&C Association). Potential enrolments into this service exceed available licenced capacity so during 2014, the P&C Association engaged John Blackley Architect to begin design work for a new Sports Centre to be constructed to the east of the existing K Block (OSH Building). It is intended to construct a facility that will deliver a fully enclosed, all weather basketball court, additional toilet facilities for the Junior School and increase available storage space. Such a building will resolve the OSH Waiting List issue.

It will also provide an all weather, sun smart recess play space and physical education facility for Junior School students. Separately, new upgraded playground equipment will be constructed for P-2 students.

Plans will be tabled at the P&C Association General Meeting. Pre-tender building estimates indicate that this project will have a total value of $1.5 million. This is likely to be the last ever new construction within the McDowall SS. Should plans be endorsed, the Principal will apply for an EQ Subsidy (of up to $500,000) to be payable from 1st July, 2016. This subsidy application must be lodged in March, 2015. Should all business plan funding arrangements be finalised by October, 2015, it is anticipated that construction could begin from May, 2016 with completion due by October, 2016.

The latest architectural drawing of the proposed McDowall State School Sports Centre is provided below.

Principal’s Gallery

Each week, classes are provided the opportunity to showcase some of their excellent student work in the “Principal’s Gallery”.

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Please enjoy a snapshot of artwork featured this fortnight from classes: PC1 and 4E2.
School Administration

Parent Waiting Area
Parents are reminded to wait for their children in the undercover area outside the Tartan Tuckerbox (Tuckshop). Parents are requested not to wait outside classrooms.

What To Do If Your Child Is Absent
If your child / children will be absent from school due to illness or other reasons, you MUST report this to the School via our dedicated Absentee Line ph: 3872 5366. Please leave a clear message including your child’s name, class and reason for absence.

If you know in advance that your child / children will be absent from school, please write a note to their class teachers and notify School Administration beforehand.

Procedure for Late Arrivals / Early Departures
All students arriving late to school or departing early, must report to School Administration and be signed in or out by a parent or guardian.

Late Arrivals
All students who arrive at school five or more minutes after the first beeper must come to School Administration. All late students must be signed in by a parent or guardian; or have a note from their parent explaining the reason for their late arrival. Parents are requested to then escort their child / children to their classroom.

Early Departures
Parents seeking to collect their child / children before the end of the school day are to advise their class teacher on the day in writing, or, by contacting the School Administration before the end of second recess, 1.25pm. All students must be collected from School Administration and signed out by a parent/guardian.

Money Collection Days
School Administration is open for payment and collection of money on Wednesday & Fridays ONLY between 8am and 11am.

Payment Methods

Cash
Cash collection days are Wednesday & Fridays ONLY between 8am and 11am. Please send cash in a sealed envelope with your child’s name, class and reason for payment written on the outside. Please ensure that the exact money is provided if delivered in an envelope. Change will not be sent home with a child unless specifically requested. Any excess change will be put as a credit on your account, or against any other outstanding accounts.

BPAY
BPAY can be used for amounts of $10.00 or over only. If an invoice is less than $10.00 you can still BPay and the residual will be applied as a credit if there are no other outstanding invoices. BPAY payments are automatically processed in strict order of age of invoice. Funds paid will debit oldest debt first. If you have more than one invoice outstanding, this may not be the invoice you wish to pay so please speak with School Administration. Your BPAY Reference number can be found on the bottom of your invoice.

EFTPOS and Credit Card
EFTPOS is available on payment days only, that is, Wednesday and Fridays between 8am – 11am.

Credit Card details can be provided on the bottom of your students’ invoice or excursion letter. Alternatively, you can use the credit card payment slip available from School Administration.

Direct Debit – Internet Banking
To identify payments when paying via internet banking and to ensure that payments are applied on behalf of the correct student and against the correct activity, it is important that the following information is included in the reference details of your payment:
1. Student EQ ID Reference Number
2. Student Surname
3. Activity Reference, for example, PrepContrib, Yr3bunyaville.

The school’s bank details and your child’s individual EQ ID number can be found on the bottom of all invoices.

Cheque
To be made payable to “McDowall State School”.

SCHOOL FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS
A reminder that School Fees and Voluntary Contributions are due on Friday 27th February 2015.
Library News

Book Fair

Our first big event of the year – Book Fair - starts today, Friday 20th February. We hold two Book Fairs each year and they’re a huge hit within our school community and we appreciate the enthusiastic support we receive. Funds raised from the Fairs help us to buy an enormous number of new books and this year our focus will be on purchasing books that support the new National Curriculum.

Book Fair basics:

- Starts today, Friday 20th February at 8am and ends on Thursday 26th February at 8.45am.
- To attend at 8am, students must be accompanied by a parent or adult.
- All students can come to the Book Fair at 8.30am when they are released from the undercover area.
- The Book Fair is open all day for parents to browse and purchase.
- During the Fair, the Library will be open until 3.30pm each afternoon.
- Student borrowing won’t be available during Book Fair.

DONATIONS

Teachers will be writing a Wish List of suggested books for their classroom. If you would like to purchase and donate a book to the school, the teacher’s Wish List is a good place to start. A plaque is added to the inside cover of the book to acknowledge the donating family. The donated book remains in your child’s classroom for the rest of this year and is then included in the library’s general collection.

CONTACT: Mrs Saunders - Teacher Librarian

Music News

Kick Start Programme for Strings

Students taking part in the Instrumental Music Immersion Programme got off to a flying start with the Kick Start Programme. Almost 50 enthusiastic Strings students took part in the 2.5 hour workshop held in the School Hall.

Mrs Payne and Miss Spiller were very impressed with the students’ behaviour and their ability to play the first two pages by the end of the workshop. Well done Strings students!

By now all instruments should have been handed out to students involved in the Immersion Programme. To avoid congestion in the storage spaces when instruments are at school, Mrs Gyte has organised a timetable for where instruments can be left during lesson days. There are copies of this timetable outside D block and the Music Room.

If your child is involved in the programme and you have not been receiving emails from Instrumental Music teachers, please let us know as soon as possible so we can keep you up-to-date.

Finally, from classroom music lessons, a big congratulations to the students in 1J5. They are the first class this year to have every single student using their singing voices for Ms Woodruff. It can sometimes take a while for children to differentiate between singing and speaking voices so Ms Woodruff is very proud of them. Well done, 1J5!

CONTACT: Ms Woodruff – Music Teacher
Welcome to the first Sports Report for 2015 - a year full of sporting opportunities! Every class in the school receives at least one 30 minute PE lesson per week. On the days your child has PE, please ensure they have a hat and suitable footwear. On PE days, many students choose to wear their sports shirts (red polo shirt) and I encourage girls to wear their skorts.

As well as their weekly PE lesson, students have the opportunity to be involved in:

- Inter-school sports
- School sports carnivals
- School tournaments (tennis and table tennis)
- Running club
- District representative sports
- After-school clinics

**Weekly PE Lessons This Term**

This term, I am running a Perceptual Motor Programme with students from Prep to Year 2. Students from Years 3 to 6 will be learning soccer, AFL and completing their first ‘Beep Test’ (fitness testing).

**North District Sporting Trials**

McDowall State School is one of 15 schools that comprise the North District. Representative teams are formed across a variety of sports and carnivals are held for athletics, cross-country and swimming. Trials for other sports are generally held after school hours at various sporting venues. Dates for trials will be advertised in the *Tartan Times* and also posted on the Sports Noticeboard near the Tartan Tuckerbox. Most students who make a district team play the sport at club level and are one of their teams better players.

The majority of teams are for the Under 12 age group, however some sports like rugby league and netball, have teams for under 11 and under 12. Students interested in trialling need to:

1. Collect forms from Mr Henderson.
2. Have their parents fill out the forms.
3. Ask Mr Pedwell (Deputy Principal) to sign it (who acknowledges that the student reflects the McDowall State School Standard For Student Conduct - SRL0).
4. Once signed, these forms are then to be taken to the trials.

**Upcoming District Trials**

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**Running Club**

Running Club has begun and is open to students in Years 4 to 6. Training will be held over eight weeks and during this time, students will be selected for the school cross-country team. This team will then compete at the North District Cross Country on Monday 27th April. It is also a good opportunity for students to improve their fitness in readiness for the athletics season and inter-school sports.
Donations

If you have football boots or running spikes that are in good condition and no longer worn by your child, please consider donating them to the Sports Department. I can lend them out for inter-school sport and athletics.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to the 11 McDowall SS students who attended the District Swimming Trials. Congratulation to the following students who have made it through to the Regional Carnival: Hayley F (6 events), Armaan J (3 events), Jack L (4 events), Luke M (1 event), Liam O (1 event).

CONTACT: Mr Henderson - PE Teacher

Harvest Time at I Block’s Garden

The hard work of the students from Year 6 has finally borne fruit or should we say, sweet potatoes! This bumper crop of sweet potatoes was unearthed by Liam G of 6C3.

Liam and other students have been tilling the soil since September last year and have succeeded in growing a variety of vegetables, including tomatoes, zucchini, lettuce and snow peas. They have made a welcome addition to their lunches. There has been a lot of interest from the Year 1 would-be farmers and with this latest crop, there will probably be more!

P&C Association

We need YOU!

To be an Executive Member on the P&C Association. We have three executive members stepping down this year, and have not received any nominations yet to replace them.

If you’re interested, you can download the Role Description or Nomination Form from the P&C website: www.mcdowallss.com

Tartan Network

Class Representatives

Each class has a parent volunteer who nominates to be the Tartan Network Class Representative. The purpose of this role is to share and communicate information between the School, P&C and class parents to keep everyone informed of school events and activities. More specifically, Class Representatives:

1. Put together individual class contact lists as provided by parents.
2. Organise a social event each term for class parents. Activities are offered at different times of the day to allow for different schedules, e.g. morning coffee and after school play in the park.
3. Keep new families informed of upcoming events, what the events are and how they operate, e.g. Athletics Carnivals, Book Fair and Mother’s / Father’s Day Stalls. Existing families can also help new parents with school procedures.
4. Introduce yourself to the class teacher and ask them how they would like to use the Tartan Network. This will vary with each teacher.
5. Personalise the P&C Association - keep your class informed of P&C happenings - there is always something going on!
6. Meet monthly where possible. Issues, concerns and suggestions that the parent body have can be raised at this meeting and either addressed by the School Principal or noted and taken to the P&C.

This is a fun, social role and generally involves forwarding emails and arranging social events!

If your class does not already have a Class Representative and you would like to take on this fun and rewarding role then please email tartannetwork@mcdowallss.com.

Liam G from 6C3 at the I Block garden
**Tartan Tuckerbox**

**When is the Tartan Tuckerbox open?**
The Tartan Tuckerbox is open **Monday to Friday**, with limited items on sale on Mondays.

**Mondays**
**Hours:** 10:30am–11:15am & 12:45pm -1:30pm

**Food Orders:** Selected hot food items (garlic bread, meat pies and toasted sandwiches) can be ordered during 1st break and collected at 2nd break (subject to availability). Payment is by cash only.

**Cash Sales:** Years 1-6 students can bring cash to purchase drinks, snacks and ice blocks during 1st and 2nd break.

**Tuesday to Friday**
**Hours:** 8:00am - 2:30pm

**Food Orders:** Orders can be placed on Flexischools up to two weeks in advance. Cut off time to place an order is **8:30am** on the day of the order. Full instructions are available on the Flexischools website [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) or you can access the helpful service team on Flexischools Helpline 1300 361 769.

**Cancelling orders**
If you need to cancel a Flexischool order, please call the Tartan Tuckerbox on 3872 5304. If you call before 8:45am, I will still be able to cancel it with a full refund, but after this time, orders may not be refundable.

**Cash Sales**
We sell drinks, snacks and ice blocks to Yrs 1-6 students during 1st and 2nd break every day of the week.

**What’s on the menu?**
The menu is also available on the P&C’s website [www.mcdowallss.com](http://www.mcdowallss.com).

**Special offer on Monday**
Just $3 for all of this:
- Hot Cross Bun
- Chocolate Milk
- Popcorn

Thank you for your support.

CONTACT: Ms Moller - Tuckshop Manager
tuckshop@mcdowallss.com

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**Defence Family News**

**Scouting for ADF Families**
Are you new to Brisbane? Did you know that in 2008, Scouting Australia formed a partnership with Defence Families Australia (DFA)? From this came the Memorandum of Understanding - “Scouting for Defence Force Families”.

The Award of Scouting for Defence Force Families Badge incorporates the Tri Services logo with Scouting for the ADF. Any youth member can earn the Badge by satisfying a number of criteria including Defence Life, Defence Knowledge and Defence Operations.

“Defence Families of Australia (DFA) and Scouts Australia are engaging in a partnership with the Australian Defence Force (ADF) community by mutually supporting a program to support Defence Forces families engage in the Scout Program in the context of the unique transient lifestyles of ADF families”.

There are 24,000 Defence Forces postings, on average, each year with the majority being families with dependents.”


There are a number of Scout Groups in our local area, including:
- Enoggera
- McDowall-Bunya
- Everton Park
- Grovely
- Stafford


**Job Vacancy**
A vacancy currently exists for a Defence Transition Mentor (Secondary). This is a part-time role based at Albany Creek State High School. For more information, please see: [www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au), job reference QLD/MER20094/15.

CONTACT: Mrs Jones - Defence School Transition Aide