**Forecast: Fine Music Ahead**

On Monday, 3rd August, 2015 our Instrumental Music students got a real taste of the limelight as Channel 10 filmed their weather report from the McDowall State School Hall. During two live cross-overs, weather reporter Josh Holt interviewed two of our students against a melodic backdrop courtesy of our Presto Strings and Wind Ensemble.

This was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the McDowall SS Instrumental Music Immersion Programme across the state. Well done to all children, parents and our music teachers for their planning, preparation and performances. Our students looked smart in their full band tartan uniform and played beautifully.

Congratulations are extended to Year 6 students Kelsey P (String Ensemble and School Vice Captain) and Jamie R (Wind Ensemble and Cultural Captain), who were interviewed by Josh. Kelsey and Jamie both spoke very well and did a fantastic job representing McDowall State School.

CONTACT: Ms Crowhurst – Head of Curriculum

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### WHAT’S HAPPENING

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**Friday 14th Aug**

- Grandparents Morning 8.30am-10.30am
- Grandparents Morning Tea 10.30am-11am
- Scientists in Schools 5G3

**Monday 17th Aug**

- SingFest 2015 – Senior & Honours Choirs
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- School Council 7pm

**Tuesday 18th Aug**

- SingFest 2015 – Senior & Honours Choirs
- Battle of the Bands (Yrs 2-5)
- RNA Show Holiday

**Wednesday 19th Aug**

- SingFest 2015 – Senior & Honours Choirs
- Battle of the Bands (Yrs 2-5)
- RNA Show Holiday

**Thursday 20th Aug**

- Book Week - Dress Up Day
- Instr. Music Recruitment Concert – Yr 2

**Friday 21st Aug**

- Book Week – Merrill O’Neill Assembly (Yr 3-6)
- 3N2 Excursion
- District Maths Tournament – Albany Hills SS
- RNA Show Holiday

**Monday 24th Aug**

- Book Week
- 3F2 Excursion
- Regional Athletics Carnival at UQ

**Tuesday 25th Aug**

- Book Week – Merrill O’Neill Assembly (P–Yr 2)
- 3F1 Excursion
- Regional Athletics Carnival at UQ

**Wednesday 26th Aug**

- Book Week – Merrill O’Neill Assembly (P–Yr 2)
- 3F1 Excursion
- Regional Athletics Carnival at UQ

**Thursday 27th Aug**

- Book Week
- 3F2 Excursion
- Regional Athletics Carnival at UQ

**Friday 28th Aug**

- Book Week
- Yr 5-6 Tennis Tournament

**Monday 31st Aug**

- Instrumental Music EOI Forms 2016 due at school
- Performing Arts Chamber Concert 6.30pm

**Tuesday 1st Sep**

- Performing Arts Chamber Concert 6.30pm

**Wednesday 2nd Sep**

- 3F3 Excursion

**Thursday 3rd Sep**

- 3F3 Excursion

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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)**
Counter Sales - 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 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

NAPLAN 2015

In May, students in Years 3 & 5 across Australia participated in the National Assessment Programme – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. These tests were conducted over three days. NAPLAN tests are aligned against the Australian Curriculum, challenging all students in order to formally ascertain, within the moment, student achievement. McDowall State School parents recently received a NAPLAN Student Report outlining a student’s relative achievement compared with the results of students from across Australia. Overall school results were released on Wednesday 5th August, 2015. A summary has already been provided to all McDowall State School parents and has been placed within the school website (www.mcdowalls.eq.edu.au)

Recent media reports seem to suggest that the general increase of Years 3, 5 & 7 NAPLAN results in Queensland is due to the instigation of the Preparatory Year and the transition of Year 7 into High School. Note that we are in our ninth year of Preparatory Year operation and at the time of NAPLAN testing, Year 7 students had attended High School for 3.5 months. So this may be true in part, but in this school, I see the diligence, commitment and passion of staff and the daily aspiration and loving perseverance of parents, united in partnership to ensure that our students achieve the best possible learning outcomes from their whole educational experience. I also see students themselves, assuming ever increasing levels of self-responsibility for their educational journey. I saw Year 6 and Year 7 staff actively teaching and preparing our students in 2014 for their transition into High School for 2015. I know that McDowall State School has invested some $500,000 of Commonwealth Great Results Guarantee funds across 2014-2015 in the delivery of a professional Speech Language Communication Programme (vocabulary, grammar, reading, comprehension and writing) along with associated full time teacher-aides in each P-2 Year Level. In 2015, an additional full time teacher aide was assigned to both Year 3 and 4. I see teachers actively engaged within professional action research and study to both test and define the most appropriate teaching strategies that result in the best possible learning outcomes for all our students.

I see a Master Teacher working diligently with teachers, assisting them to implement these productive teaching strategies.

NAPLAN results do not sum up the worth of a child or a school. NAPLAN results should not be used to select students for school enrolment or for programme entry. NAPLAN results are simply a ‘point in time’ indicator that lead you in seeking more information from the class teacher and child to better prepare the child for the next phase of their learning journey. Should your life, experienced over a year or more, be judged by what you did on one particular day? Likewise, the high sustained standards of achievement of McDowall State School students are not due to simplistic statements or actions. As an educational community of teachers, teacher aides, parents and students, we need to highlight and acknowledge the concerted, sustained investment made by all of us, while we together once again celebrate the NAPLAN performance success at McDowall State School.

Grandparents Morning

Friday 14th August

8.30am-10.30am

Grandparents are special family within the lives of children. In our modern society with many parents working, grandparents assume an increasing role in the upbringing, care and welfare of children. It is therefore appropriate that the McDowall State School invites grandparents to join with their grandchildren to celebrate their daily educational experience.

Grandparents Morning is well supported and many grandparents travel considerable distances to attend. Grandparents are invited to sit with their grandchildren before school, then accompany them to class to experience the morning session. Teachers welcome grandparents into their classroom. Students display extreme delight in sharing their school experience. Grandparents may sit beside their grandchild, work with small groups of students, hear students read or perhaps, even be invited to share their knowledge and experiences with the class. Should grandchildren be located in more than one class, grandparents are welcome to move between classes during the morning session. Should a grandparent not be available to attend, parents are welcome to send along another suitable adult member of the family.

The P&C Association (and Tartan Network) will provide a morning tea for grandparents in K Block from 10.30am-11am.

Instrumental Music Immersion Programme

In 2015, McDowall State School implemented an Instrumental Music Immersion Programme both for (a) Wind, brass and percussion; and (b) Strings. In January, 239 students (25% of total school enrolment) involving 8 full classes; began their musical experience.
In a time when other State Schools were reducing the size of their programme, McDowall State School (enthusiastically supported by parents) significantly expanded our programme, recruited a new full time, highly qualified music teacher, expanded instrumental music teacher hours and engaged an additional part-time strings teacher. Our short-term target is for 12 full classes to be within the Instrumental Music Immersion Programme: 2 x Wind, brass and percussion classes + 1 x Strings class in each of Years 3-6, potentially involving a minimum of 324 students (33% of total school enrolment). Executive functioning skills mastery and co-ordinated, linked brain development are a predeterminant for academic success, physical ability and emotional wellbeing. Research tells us that professionally taught music (instrumental music) develops executive functioning skills in all children (boys and girls, all abilities).

Years 2-5 students will be issued with an Expression of Interest Form, for inclusion within the Instrumental Music Immersion Programme on 19th August, 2015. Parents are invited to attend a Parent Information Evening on Thursday 20th August from 6.30pm in the School Hall. This evening is designed to provide interested parents with an overview of the programme, an insight into how it operated during 2015 and an outline of proposals toward 2016. Parents will then be better informed in lodging an Expression of Interest Form on behalf of their child. There is an annual fee for inclusion within the programme. The lodging of an Expression of Interest Form does not guarantee student inclusion within the programme. A Waiting List applied in 2015.

Student Enrolments 2016

Enrolment Applications are being received at School Administration for P-6 in 2016. It is important that Enrolment Applications are lodged with School Administration as soon as possible as they are date/time stamped upon receipt. An Enrolment Management Policy applies to all student enrolments at McDowall State School to ensure that our facilities capacity is not exceeded. Enrolments will continue to be considered from residential addresses outside the McDowall State School enrolment catchment area to fill available vacancies for 2016. This policy is available for parent perusal through both www.education.qld.gov.au and www.mcdowallss.eq.edu.au.

School Management

The McDowall State School grounds are not a public park or place where people of all walks of life may come and go at will in an unregulated manner. As an operational primary school, when within our grounds, there are clear expectations both in terms of who should be there and the conduct of those entering our school. School policies and procedures are put in place to best safely manage our 947 students, associated family and visitors attending our school. Timely notices are issued through the Tartan Times, separately and placed within the school website.

The Principal leads and manages the school (supported by his staff) and when anyone (adult or child) enters the McDowall State School site, they are expected to comply with staff direction. Inappropriate conduct, will not be tolerated and will result in intervention, direction from the school site or the police called. In certain circumstances, a financial penalty (fine) may result. The Principal may suspend an adult’s access privilege into the school site.

Before School Procedures 8.15am–2.30pm Timetable

P-2 parents deliver their children to school approximately 5-10mins before the beeper sounding at 8.15am. Teachers do not assume instructional responsibility for these children until they begin duty at 8.15am. Teachers and other staff are involved in professional preparation, meetings and interviews within teaching blocks before this time.

Preparatory Year students assemble under the large covered areas provided outside PA and PB. Years 1-2 students assemble beneath the large covered area at the western end of the Curriculum Centre. Students are encouraged to assemble in class groups. Parents are to retain their children under their direct care and supervision.

By this time of year, students are old enough to be able to independently walk from the school gate and assemble in their designated covered or classroom area. Seating is provided. Standing on the concrete area is acceptable. Students have been instructed where to wait and how to behave during this brief time. Students should not be running around and playing games, instead preparing themselves for school. Staff informally moving through the school are instructed to direct adults and students accordingly.

Before School Procedures 8.45am–3pm Timetable

Due to many Years 3-6 siblings of P-2 students having started school at 8.15am, being within the school, teacher aide supervision is provided from 8.15am-8.45am under the large covered area beside the Uniform Shop. All Years 2-6 students (not in class) are expected to assemble here.

Students sitting with parents are requested to sit under either of the two nearby covered areas (not the teacher aide supervised area) both for comfort and need of space. It is not expected that a Years 3-6 student would arrive at school prior to 8.15am, if they do, they are to sit within this designated covered area awaiting teacher aide supervision. Teachers do not assume instructional responsibility for students until they begin duty at 8.45am. Teachers and other staff are involved in professional preparation, meetings and interviews within teaching blocks before this time.

Years 2-6 students are encouraged to assemble in class groups. They are required to sit down until 8.30am. Seating is provided. From 8.30am, students are permitted to refresh themselves and prepare for the school day. Eg. Toilets, Tuckshop, Administration messages, etc. If space permits, a small handball game may be permitted by the teacher aide. Standing on the extended concrete area is acceptable. Students have been instructed where to wait and how to behave during this time. Staff informally moving through the school are instructed to direct adults and students accordingly.

Class teachers often collect their students from the supervised covered area anytime between 8.30am-8.45am.
Colds & Flu
Flu, colds and other viral infections are moving through Brisbane. You may take precautions but such infections are a part of modern urban life. Flu vaccinations may not prevent all strains but may minimise effect and longevity of infection. Good personal hygiene and social practice is critical in minimising spread and severity of illness. McDowall State School students have been instructed:

- To tell their parents when they feel sick and **not to attend school** until they feel better. This may require a medical clearance. Sick children must **not** be sent to school with likelihood that they will spread the virus to other students and to staff. Sick children need regular care, rest, fluids and regular access to toilets. McDowall SS neither has the facility nor staff to care for sick children. Parents will be called to collect and make other arrangements for child care.
- To carry either a handkerchief or tissues so that they may cover their mouth when they cough or sneeze. Tissues are available from within classrooms. All tissues must be immediately placed in bins.
- To cough or sneeze into their elbow, not their hand should they not have a handkerchief or tissue.
- To wash their hands regularly. Foam soap is available from within toilets.
- To eat healthy food, including a good breakfast and lunch. Drink a lot of water.
- To go to bed early and experience at least 8 hours sleep nightly.
- To tell their teacher as soon as they feel ill. To promptly depart the classroom (even without requesting permission) if they feel that they will vomit.

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

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Please enjoy a snapshot of artwork featured this fortnight from classes: **6C2 & 5G3**

School Administration

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**1 X PERMANENT PART-TIME CLEANING POSITION**
A vacancy exists for one permanent part-time Cleaner working 28hrs per week + ADO time, Monday to Friday. Application Packages are available on the school website or from School Administration. Applications are to be received by the BSM before 3pm Wednesday 19th August, 2015.

**“Achieving the Best Outcomes for All Students”**

**A Service To Be Used or Lost**
The number of McDowall SS students catching the dedicated Brisbane City Council school bus services (915 and 958) is steadily declining. Some afternoons, there are as few as 10 children using both of these services. Due to lower patronage, we lost one bus service earlier this year when services where consolidated. Should patronage numbers not increase, it is feared that the inevitable outcome will be a further loss of school bus service. To find out if your child/ren can make use of these services, take a look at the school bus routes and timetables at [www.translink.com.au](http://www.translink.com.au).

**Keep “Earning and Learning”**
So far, we’ve received 2,400 stickers at School Administration as part of the current Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion. We have 40 completed sticker sheets and we’re hoping to earn even more, so keep up the good work!
**Library News**

**Morris Gleitzman Visit**

In anticipation of Children’s Book Week (24th – 28th August, 2015), celebrations have already begun at McDowall SS.

On Tuesday 4th August, well-known Australian author, Morris Gleitzman, visited our school to address students from Years 4, 5 and 6. Using funny and highly creative examples, Mr Gleitzman explained how to create a story, spoke about his writing career and outlined why he started writing childrens’ books.

His humorous stories entertained us all and his clever ideas have given students good strategies for their own story writing. It was a great to have Mr Gleitzman visit our school as part of this year’s Book Week activities.

If you’d like to know more about Morris Gleitzman check out his website at: [http://www.morrisgleitzman.com/](http://www.morrisgleitzman.com/).

**Fancy Dress Day**

Our next Book Week celebration will be Fancy Dress Day held on **Thursday 20th August**. We are asking students and staff to dress up as a character from children’s literature. There will be a prize (boy and girl) for each Year Level and one prize for the staff.

It will be a lot of fun. Please don’t let it be a stress for you. Keep the costumes very simple and please do not spend a lot of money. We’re looking forward to it!

**Merrille O’Neill Poetry Competition**

Another way in which we celebrate childrens’ literature at McDowall SS is to encourage students to write and enter our annual Merrille O’Neill Poetry Competition.

Preparatory and Year 1 classes have each written a class poem which they have presented as a colourful chart. These are on display in our Computer Centre.

Students across Years 2 to 6 have written specific styles of poems in class. Six entries from each Year Level are currently being judged by Craigslea State High School’s English team. Once they’re back, they will also be on display in the Computer Centre. Please come and have a read!

Winners for the Merrille O’Neill Poetry Competition will be announced at both Senior Assembly on Monday 24th August and Junior Assembly on Wednesday 26th August. It would be great to have you there!

CONTACT: Mrs Saunders - Teacher Librarian

**Music News**

**Honours Music Camp**

Recently, McDowall SS Instrumental Music students auditioned for a place in the Northside Honours Music Camp.

It was a very daunting process with each student’s performance being filmed and sent through to a panel of instrumental music teachers for review and selection. Students had to play a series of scales, a set piece and perform a sight reading task during their audition.

Congratulations are extended to the following students selected to attend the Northside Honours Music Camp for the period 8th – 11th September at Craigslea State High School.

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CONTACT: Mrs Erin Gyte   Instrumental Music Teacher
Sports News

District Athletics Report - August 2015

On 27th and 28th July, the McDowall State School Athletics Team competed against 14 other schools in the North District Athletics Carnival. Our competitors put in a tremendous effort and were rewarded with personal bests, positions in the finals and many received place pennants.

Our relay athletes did extremely well, with all five teams earning a place in the finals. Amazingly, our Girls 10 years, 11 years, 12 years and Boys 11 years all came in first place. A fantastic achievement.

Once again, the McDowall State School Athletics Team returned with all three District Athletics trophies! These are currently on display in the foyer at School Administration and include:

- A Divisional Schools Trophy
- Aggregate Trophy (for overall points)
- Percentage Points Trophy

![Girls 12 years relay team: Kate F, Hanna G, Molly B & Ella FW.](image)

The following students have been selected to compete at the Regional Athletics Carnival later this month at the University of Queensland.

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Relay Teams

| Boys – 11 yrs | Tory B, Levi A, Juan M & Lachlan C. |

Congratulations to all our students for their performance, behaviour and sportsmanship during the North District Athletics Carnival.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Pedwell for their assistance with training and to the many parents who also helped with both training and supporting our students on the day/s.

Athletics – Get Involved

McDowall State School ongoing success at District Athletics is partly due to the large number of our children who are involved in Little Athletics. Two clubs which are close by are Arana Hills and Aspley. Both offer free ‘Come and Try’ sessions. For more information, phone 1300 559 436 or visit [www.qlaa.asn.au](http://www.qlaa.asn.au).

Athletics Singlets & Runners

Please return any borrowed equipment or clothing (such as singlets, spikes or waffles) to the Sports Room ASAP.

Upcoming North District Trials


Gamer-ertainment Stall at the Spring Fair

As the Gamer-ertainment Stall organiser, I’m calling for donations of any unused/unwanted DVDs, CDs, video games and game consoles. All sale proceeds will go to the P&C Association. Please send your donations to the Sports Room.

CONTACT: Mr Henderson - PE Teacher

Defence Family News

Defence Transition Mentor at Mitchelton SHS

Selection Criteria is now available at School Administration for the Defence Transition Mentor (DTM). The position will provide information, support and develop activities for the students of Australian Defence Force families to ease the impact of mobility and service related parental absence.

If you would like any further information on this position please contact the Defence Community Organisation on 3550 1111.

CONTACT: Mrs Jones – Defence School Transition Aide

P&C Association

**Update from the Executive**

Early 2015, the incoming P&C Association Executive (President, Treasurer, Secretaries and Vice Presidents) established a number of “Executive Goals” for 2015. These included:

- Ensuring all activity was compliant with legislative obligations.
- Improving the efficiency of the P&C Association structure to reduce unnecessary demands on office bearers.
Implementing appropriate governance arrangements between subcommittees responsible for budgets and the P&C Association.

Improving communication between the P&C Association and the school community (particularly with relation to volunteering).

Hats off to my executive peers as they have achieved all of the above to date.

Outstanding goals that we hope to realise by the end of this year, above and beyond overseeing the daily operations of the P&C Association (OSHC, Tartan Tuckerbox, Uniform Shop, fundraising, etc.) include:

- Reviewing existing and implementing up to date employee documentation (role descriptions, confidentiality deeds and contracts).
- Implementing strategies that we hope will help engage the parent community more effectively.

So when you see any of the P&C Association Executive walking about make sure to give them a smile and be kind to them. They are working hard to make your and your child’s life better at school. If there are things you want to see happen differently, we would love to meet you and hear from you at a P&C Association meeting (4th Tuesday of each month). For more information please contact Soraya Bews at president@mcdowallss.com.

**Helping Volunteers Help the P&C**

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**Fundraising News**

**Father’s Day Stall – 4th September, 2015**

This year’s Father’s Day Stall is fast approaching and we need your help in preparation for the event. We are looking for parent volunteers to help with wrapping gifts, selling raffle tickets and selling gifts on from the stalls. If you can help, please sign up via volunteerspot: [http://vols.pt/Y2FBjG](http://vols.pt/Y2FBjG)

Contact: Mrs Bianca Guz Parent Volunteer fundraising@mcdowallss.com.

**Entertainment Books – Limited Number Available**


**Skate Night**

Thank you to all the students and families who attended the Skate Night on Friday 24th July, 2015. The evening was a huge success thanks to the efforts of Sharon Hurlock.

Net profit: $810 Volunteers: 1

**Trivia Night – ‘Into the Wild’**

Thank you is extended to all the parents, teachers and friends who attended the P&C Association “Into the Wild” Trivia Night held on Saturday, 1st August, 2015.

Over 80 people came along for a night of brain power, fierce competition (pardon the pun) and above all, fun and laughter. We even had some impromptu dancing and demonstrations drawn from our favourite films like Flashdance and Ghost.

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**TARTAN TUCKERBOX**

Monday Flexischool orders are available for Tartan Tuckerbox first recess only. To enable food preparation for the week ahead, the Tartan Tuckerbox is closed for counter sales second break.

CONTACT: Mrs Anelle Moller  
Ph: 3872 5304  
Email: tuckshop@mcdowallss.com

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Sadly, our Uniform Shop convenor, Mrs Di O'Rourke has concluded work this week after 6 years of service in the uniform shop and over 25 years of involvement with McDowall State School. We would like to say a huge thank you to Di for her commitment to McDowall State School by way of a get together. Details are being finalised as we speak. If you would like to participate in a formal farewell to Di please contact Liz Tennyson (Chairperson of Shops) at tuckshop@mcdowallss.com.

**SPRING FAIR UPDATE**

**Spring Fair News**

Much has been happening during the last fortnight preparing for the Spring Fair. Thank you to everyone who has been contributing. The Spring Fair Team truly appreciates your support.

- The Spring Fair Team meets every Thursday Night in the OSH building at 6.35pm.  
- Meeting dates include Thursday 6, 13, 20 and 27 August 2015 and everyone is welcome to attend.

**Sponsorship**

There are still sponsorship spots available, for any local businesses who would like to get involved. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact the Spring Fair Team at mcdowallspringfair@gmail.com for a sponsorship package.

**Bring Weeks**

**Bring Week #1 - 799 items donated.**

Awesome achievement! Congratulations to 201 who won the first Bring Week with a massive number of 67 donated items!

Bring Weeks are continuing in weeks 4, 6 and 7 of this term. Keep up to date with the Bring Weeks by bookmarking the Bring Week’s webpage – www.mcdowallspringfair.com/bring-weeks. Do you think we can break 800 and set a new record?

**Raffle Tickets**

**40” Panasonic TV up for grabs!!!**

The Spring Fair Raffles will be announced shortly. Anyone who can support the school by selling raffle tickets (either before or after school or in the local community) please let the Spring Fair Team know. The Spring Fair Raffles will be a great way to add to our fundraising efforts.

**Stalls**

Below are the updates from the Year Level Stalls so that you know what is happening and how you can help:

**Year 6 Crazy Hair Stall**

We’re looking forward to getting a little bit crazy at the Spring Fair but we need Year 6 parents and student volunteers to make this happen. Go to http://vols.pt/83JgyY to sign up or speak to Tanya Rotili, Year 6 Stall Coordinator.

**Year 5 Tartan Café**

The Tartan Café will be run from the Tartan Tuckerbox during the Spring Fair. The café will be a place where parents and visitors can sit down, relax and unwind away from the busyness of the oval whilst enjoying a nice cuppa. There will be Craft Market Stalls and Community Stalls located near the café. We will be offering a ‘Devonshire Tea’, a ‘Coffee & Cake’ and a ‘savoury option’. 

We need assistance to deliver this time-away oasis so please help out by:

- Bringing goods on the Bring Week for the Tartan Café - Week 7 of Term.  
- Volunteer an hour of your time. We seek 6 teams of 6 people. If we get more volunteers, we can cut that down to a half hour shift! More time to enjoy the rides!!  
- Do you have a connection to a supplier of coffee beans? We’d love to hear from you!  
- Are you a barista and would like to show off your skills? We’d love to hear from you too!!

- Please contact Ashleigh Sentance (mcdowallspringfair@gmail.com) if you’d like more information on how you can help! To sign up to Volunteer please go to this link http://vols.pt/n2rJx4.

**Year 4 Show Bags & Drinks Stall**

Show Bags are now available for presale (discounted price) on Flexi schools for $4.50 each until 10th August, 2015 or pay $6 for them at the Spring Fair. There will be limited Show Bag stock at the Spring Fair. Year 4 parent volunteers are needed to assist manage the Show bag and Drinks stall so please sign up for an hour of your time during the day. Please register for a time slot here: http://vols.pt/sTVvHT.
Year 3 Hot Dog Stall
We are looking for Year 3 family volunteers to support the Year 3 Hot Dog Stall. We seek support of just 1 hour of your time. We are having a "red and white" themed stall so if possible, we ask our volunteers to wear "Red". Thank you to all those people who have already volunteered. Please logon to http://vols.pt/QDiPKT to secure a spot. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Year 2 Plant Stall
We hope everyone has their green thumbs out and have some little plants coming along for the Plant Stall, the perfect way to welcome in Spring! If you can assist us, we'd love it if you could let us know by signing up to the plant donation role in Volunteer Spot - http://vols.pt/9tF4rc.

We also seek Year 2 family volunteers to support the Year 2 Plant Stall. Please visit our Volunteer Spot site at http://vols.pt/fRA6Qq and sign up. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Year 1 Cake and Sweet Stall
We are in need of bakers for the Cake and Sweet Stall. We are looking for people who can bake cakes, biscuits, fudge and any sweet treats for the Stall. Some ingredients can be supplied from the goods donated through the Bring Week. Please contact Georgie Brampton at mcdowallspringfair@gmail.com with your ingredient wish list. If you would be happy to bake, would you please indicate by signing up at this volunteer spot http://vols.pt/fCEhbc.

Can't bake? Don't worry you can help us out on the stall by volunteering an hour or two of your time assisting to sell all the delicious treats. Perhaps you can assist selling on the Bric a Brac & Gamertainment Stall? We are also in need of helpers on Friday or Saturday afternoons at the drop off collection times for cakes, fudge and sweets. Please see the Volunteer Spot link for these timeslot details http://vols.pt/fCEhbc.

Prep Lucky Dip, Chocolate Toss & Book Stall
We are looking for items that may be included within Lucky Dips. No need to wrap them as we will be holding Wrapping Days in the coming weeks.

Gamertainment and Bric a Brac Stall
We welcome donations of used or new goods for the Gamertainment and Bric a Brac stalls. Donations for these stalls are welcome any time (and also during the Bring Week in Week 6 of Term 3).

Other Volunteer Roles
We are looking for willing volunteers to run the following. If you can assist, please sign up at http://vols.pt/9tF4rc.
- Equipment Coordinator
- Clean Up Coordinator

Ride Armbands
Hop on to Flexischools and pre-purchase All Day Armbands (unlimited rides) for just $30. Buy before 8th September, before the price increases to $37. Rides include Dodgem cars, the cobra, laser skirmish and more.

We sincerely thank the following businesses for donating prizes and products for the Spring Fair 2015: