
These were the three key messages conveyed by Mr and Mrs Morcombe from the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, when they addressed Years 3-6 students on Wednesday 18th November, 2015. I’m sure I’m not alone in saying how helpful it was hearing their presentation on child safety and how moving it was releasing red balloons on the oval in support of the Foundation and its work.

Before progressing on to High School, I wanted to do something significant for McDowall SS and to help others. So I wrote to Mr and Mrs Morcombe and asked them to come and talk to us about ‘keeping kids safe’. I have been so inspired by the Morcombe’s strength in turning a terrible event into something positive. I wanted to share this with my school. I think the Morcombe’s are living proof that you can make a difference, simply through how you think and act, while having the courage to change the world.

I’d like to sincerely thank everyone at McDowall SS for being involved, making this a reality and for making a donation on the day. We raised over $350 on behalf of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Emily B - 6C2
Principals Post

Reflections

Every day, in walking through this ‘Great State School’, I feel honoured and very fortunate to share in the lives of enrolled students. I know that my staff feel the same way. Our students are happy and enthusiastic. They are keen to be with their friends. They display pride in their teacher/s. They delight in telling you about the highlights of their day. They energetically engage within the educational experiences offered within McDowall State School. School statistics demonstrate that McDowall State School students continue to excel in their formal learning.

It is indeed a privilege being the Principal at McDowall State School. It is also a tremendous responsibility. No-one can be everything to everyone. Should another school have better facilities and deliver better educational services on behalf of a child, it is the parent’s responsibility to enrol their child at that other school, if at all possible. Personally though, I commit to doing the very best that I can in ensuring that the McDowall State School educational experience for our students is the most professional that I can lead, within the best possible facilities, according to resource levels available within this school community. My staff are likewise committed.

McDowall State School continues to deliver excellence in quality preparatory and primary education services. Its purpose continues to be the implementation of the Australian preparatory and primary curriculum and to deliver effective professional teaching services within a supportive school learning environment facilitating achievement of personal excellence.

In our 40th year of operation, McDowall State School retains a strong focus on the child (our students). Extending from an effective suite of educational programming, an Instrumental Music Immersion Programme was implemented across Years 3-6, now involving 279 students or 51% of senior sector students. Our focus on P-2 literacy (spelling, reading, grammar and writing) through the ‘Great Results Guarantee’ initiative was extended to encompass full time teacher-aides on Years 3-4. An additional teacher salary was applied mid-year across most Year Levels enabling class teachers to increase support for students. McDowall SS teachers and support staff increasingly operate within professional educational teams, reviewing latest research and exploring new techniques to ever heighten student achievement levels. In all that we do, we balance the expectations inherent within the Australian Curriculum with our passion toward celebrating ‘childhood’, a human state to be cherished, but too often lost, too soon, in the lives of our students. I am proud to lead such a wonderful staff. Thank you all.

In June, the P&C Association paused to celebrate 40 years. They then also invited the wider community to also celebrate through the Spring Fair. The strength of the McDowall Community is the family unit. Critically, it is the parent / child relationship. An effective community supports parents enabling them to be the very best parents they can possibly be.

Being a parent is both a tremendous responsibility and the most joyful, satisfying experience. It is a challenging, personal journey that extends through life. There is no Guide Book.

McDowall SS supports parents in delivering quality formal educational services for primary students. We know that our achievement is due to the strong support and goodwill that parents exercise toward this school. Thank you for selecting McDowall SS for the formal education of your child. Thank you for all that you do in enabling the class teacher to better teach your child. Thank you in enabling this school to best represent the educational aspirations cherished by parents and students.

May I wish staff, students and parents a well deserved, family-centred (and holy) Christmas leading to a happy, prosperous New Year. May I extend best wishes to our Year 6 students transitioning onto secondary education. Please take time to reflect and rest, valuing all that is most important in life. I look forward to working with you all again in 2016.

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.

Please enjoy a snapshot of artwork featured this fortnight from classes: PA2 and 4E4.
Student Enrolments & Absences

School Enrolment Applications 2016

All parents, residing within the McDowall State School Enrolment Catchment Area, still 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.

This includes families with elder siblings already enrolled within the school. Student Enrolment Forms and information about the McDowall State School are located on the school website: www.mcdowallss.eq.edu.au.

Student Transfers 2016-2017

Should a parent know that their child will be transferring to another primary school for 2016, please advise School Administration as soon as possible. To assist you, a form that you can use and forward to School Administration is located on the school website: www.mcdowallss.eq.edu.au.

Planned Student Absence

Class teachers are required to complete Class Rolls, stating reasons for student absence, right through until the final school day of the school year. If your family is planning to leave early for holidays or your child is likely to be absent from school during the final school days, please write a note addressed to the class teacher advising them of the anticipated absence and reason for absence.

Class Lists 2016

McDowall State School Administration relies on parents providing early and timely advice regarding their intent to enrol their child at the school for the New Year and/or to transfer their child to another school from the end of 2015. Based on the information that we have at hand, Class Lists are drafted for 2016. Should school enrolment numbers change during the school vacation, there is a very high probability that class lists and teacher deployments will change before the start of school in 2016.

If you, or someone you know, still plan to enrol a child into P-6 at McDowall State School in 2016, and have not yet done so, please contact School Administration as a matter of urgency.

Should your circumstances change during the vacation and your child not be continuing their enrolment at McDowall State School for 2016, please advise School Administration as soon as possible on 07 3872 5333 (or if circumstances change during the vacation period, from 18th January, 2016).

Based on Principal best estimates, Class Lists will be configured (in draft) but will not be made available until they are reviewed and redrafted again prior to the commencement of the new school year. This prevents unnecessary anxiety when / if Class List amendments and teacher redeployments are made due to late enrolments and student transfers. Final Day 1 Class Lists will be posted on pin boards outside Year Level classrooms early on Wednesday 27th January, 2016.

Staff Changes

Fond Farewell Dr Mary Cavanagh DP

Dr Mary Cavanagh DP has decided to retire from Education Queensland. Dr Cavanagh was employed by Education Queensland on 1st January, 1976 and after teaching at Wavell Heights SS, Glasshouse Mountains SS, Ascot SS and Clontarf Beach SS; also working as an Education Officer Special Duties, she commenced duties as an Assistant Principal / Deputy Principal at Woree SS from 18th January, 1989. Continuing this role at Ascot SS and Hilder Road SS, Dr Cavanagh DP assumed her duties at McDowall SS on 2nd January, 1993. She has also assumed Acting Principal roles at McDowall SS, Zillmere SS, Somerset Hills SS and Patricks Road SS.

Following 23 years service at McDowall State School, Dr Mary Cavanagh DP will conclude duty on Friday 11th December, 2015. During this time, she has positively influenced the lives of many parents, students and staff.

She leaves a long-term legacy within the daily operations of our school. On behalf of the McDowall State School, I wish Dr Mary Cavanagh DP a cheerful, and enterprising retirement in pursuing her post-work dreams and aspirations. It has been a pleasure to work with her and we all thank her for her contribution toward making our ‘Great State School’ the experience that it is today.
Deputy Principals 2016

The McDowall State School gains entitlement to three Deputy Principal positions from 2016. Following recruitment processes conducted by the Principal, Education Queensland has approved the following appointments / transfers for 2016. Each Deputy Principal will assume responsibility for both the daily operation of their assigned Year Levels and allocated corporate duties relating to the school.

Prep Year to Year 1 Deputy Principal
Nicoletta Brazale
- Current Deputy Principal at The Willows SS (Townsville)
- Located in ‘PA Block’ in the Preparatory Year Area

Years 2-3 Deputy Principal
Catherine Pike
- Current Deputy Principal at Kuraby SS (Brisbane)
- Located in School Administration

Years 4-6 Deputy Principal
Mr David Pedwell
- Current Deputy Principal Years 3-6 at McDowall SS.
- Located in School Administration

Teacher Transfers / Departure
The following staff are leaving McDowall State School. We thank them for their commitment to our school and wish them well into 2016.

- Mrs Abby Rankin – Maternity Leave.
- Ms Emma Pentland – Nanango State School.
- Mr Hrvoje Margetic – Roma State College.
- Mr Ben Mills – Mango Hill State School.
- Ms Bronwyn Watkins – Amberley State School.

Gifts to Teachers & Staff

Education Queensland acknowledges that parents and students keenly participate within seasonal gift giving and wish to sincerely thank school staff, particularly the class teacher, for their diligence, care, concern and commitment exercised during the past school year.

As years have passed, the value of some gifts (individual and group contribution) place the Principal and staff in an awkward position, one which is not intended by the parent. All staff must comply with EQ Policy.

- Staff are not permitted to receive cash of any value. This includes lottery tickets, gift vouchers, ‘scratches’ etc.
- Only gifts or benefit having a fair retail value of $100 or less can be accepted by staff. (Total accumulative value)
- All gifts or benefit having a fair retail value of between $100 and $150 must be declared by staff and formally approved for staff to retain them. (Total accumulative value)
- Gifts or benefit having a fair retail value of more than $150, accepted by an employee, becomes property of Education Queensland. Only with formal approval, may such a gift or benefit be retained by an employee.

It is therefore requested that parents and students, choosing to provide a gift or benefit to teachers and staff, retain the fair retail value under $100 (Total accumulative value).

Student Progress Reports

Student Progress Reports for Semester 2, 2015 will be issued to P-6 students on Monday 7th December, 2015. Parents seeking to discuss student progress with their child’s class teacher during this week may arrange an appointment for a mutual time, through School Administration on 07 3872 5333.

If your child will be absent from school during the last week of term and you seek to have your child’s report posted, please supply School Administration with a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Student Progress Reports Red Folder
Has your child returned the Red Report Folder to the class teacher? The Red Report Folder is used to ensure that the Student Progress Report arrives home in good condition.

Class ‘Celebration’ Day

Thursday 10th December, 2015 will be
Class ‘Celebration’ Day.

Each class will advise of food arrangements and activities for this day. Normal recess periods will not apply.

Parents need to note that this is a RED FOOD Day and food will likely come from various family homes. Should your child have an ‘allergy’ or ‘like’ health condition, you may need to make special arrangements for your child.

Students may wear ‘Casual Dress’ (no charge) of a standard, modesty and design that is suitable for wearing to school. Wearing of a hat and shoes is still required. Please, no offensive words, statements or pictures on clothing.
Sector Timetables & Beeper Times 2016
(Note Recess Time Changes)

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Construction Works

PBI Australia has been engaged to build a Performing Arts Classroom to support the McDowall State School Instrumental Music Immersion Programme. This new facility will join onto the western end of the School Library.

Safety fencing is due to be installed from Wednesday 9th December, 2015 with Courtyard Area demolition and earthworks to begin immediately.

It is anticipated that the new concrete slab will be completed before Christmas, with the new classroom and secure storeroom being made available for school use by the end of February, 2016.

During construction works, staff will be using the Metro Street Car Park. Trucks and associated construction vehicles will be using the Administration Cark Park and moving around the Administration Building.

The Principal and P&C Association have formally lodged an Education Queensland Smart Schools Subsidy Application for the construction of a Sports Centre (enclosed full-sized basketball court, storeroom and toilet facilities). A formal reply is due in May, 2016.

It is anticipated that Sports Centre tendering will commence April/May with construction across the existing playground beside J Block, to commence from July, 2016. Play equipment will be re-established in the Preparatory Year and Activity Building areas.

Currently, both Preparatory Year and Activity Building play areas are closed. Both areas have been top dressed and grass seeded. They should reopen from 27th January, 2016 (after a hopeful wet summer).

Local Area Car Parking

Parking Restrictions and Enforcement

- The McDowall SS operates separate Sector Timetabling to relieve traffic pressures.
- Parent car parking within the McDowall State School grounds is not permitted.
- McDowall SS grounds will be retained as a safe location of staff, parent visitors and students.
- Regulated parking is provided for staff, complemented by P&C Association staff/long-term volunteers who contribute toward student services.
Performing Arts Vests, School Equipment Return
Should any students be yet to return Performing Arts vests, instruments, school library books and materials from 2015, please do so as soon as possible. Inter-School Sport has concluded. Students with sporting equipment, sporting uniforms or other materials provided by the school, must return these to their Sports Coaches urgently.

School Pack Up Day
Friday 11th December, 2015 will be School Pack Up Day. It is a school day. Teacher supervision will be provided. Classrooms will need to be packed up, equipment and materials hygienically stored; and where necessary, relocated into a classroom for use in 2016. Any parents able to assist in relocating furniture on this day, please contact Ms Rebecca Fleming BSM at School Administration.

Kiss-And-Ride Facility
- Brisbane City Council has provided a Kiss-and-Ride Setdown / Pickup lane within the public carpark located beside the school oval.
- School Administration assist parents by providing student supervision for 20 minutes after 2.30pm and again from 3.00pm at the Kiss-and-Ride Setdown / Pickup lane.

Housekeeping

Lost Property
The school will donate all “Lost Property” to charity by Friday 11th December, 2015. Lost property is available from outside the School Uniform Shop, for perusal until this time.

Performing Arts Vests, School Equipment Return

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 the school vacation. Gates will be locked. Police and school security 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 the 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.

P&C Association AGM 2016

The McDowall State School Parents’ and Citizens’ Association will hold its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 24th February, 2016 from 7pm in K Block. All Committee and Sub-Committee endorsed/audited Reports are due at School Administration by Friday 19th February for compilation and publishing. Annual Reports and audited financial statements will be presented during the AGM. Following the endorsement of reports, all P&C Association Executive positions are declared vacant and nominations are called for 2016.

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 2016, 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.
**School Library News**

**Book Fair – November 2015**

Funds raised: $2,045.93

We are very grateful for your continued support toward our Book Fairs this year. The commission from our sales go toward new school resources. We are particularly wanting to increase student access to eBooks. The majority of funds will finance McDowall SS subscription to an eLibrary in 2016. Thanks again - your support of our Book Fairs assists us to continue to broaden the range of resources available for students.

**Library Borrowing**

Library borrowing has concluded for this year and all library books should have been returned to the School Library. We are currently completing our annual stocktake. It is important that school library books are returned so we can account for all our fiction resources.

Congratulations to 3F4 for being the first class to return all their school library resources!

**Holiday Reading**

Please maintain your child’s reading routine over the school holidays, by making use of the wonderful public libraries in our area. Students can access enough reading material to keep them busy right through the Christmas / New Year period. For some activities you might need an advance booking so please check online or enquire at your local public library.

Don’t forget to also check the State Library at Southbank. They offer interesting holiday activities that are well worth a trip into the city! Have a great time! Check it out at: [http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on](http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on).

CONTACT: Mrs Saunders - Teacher Librarian

**Music News**

**Term 4 Celebration Concerts**

Congratulations to students who performed at the Performing Arts Celebration Concerts last week. Both the Evening Celebration Concert and Matinee Celebration Concert showcased the amazing talent we have here at McDowall State School.

Of course, big concerts like this do not just happen, so a big thank you is extended to all parents and teachers who assisted with the concert preparation, supervision, and back stage organisation.

**Wind Ensemble and String Ensemble Tour**

On Wednesday 2nd December, Mrs Payne and Mrs Gyte took the String Ensemble and Wind Ensemble on a day tour.

**Instrument Returns**

All school instruments and green music folders are being collected this week for cleaning and servicing. Please ensure you return your instrument to Mrs Gyte or Mrs Payne. Allowances will be made for students involved in the tour.

**Instrument Packs**

Similar to Book Lists, we’ve created ‘Instrument Packs’ to assist parents of students learning and instrument in 2016.

[Click here to view our 2016 Instrument Packs.](http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on)

A number of music stores endeavour to make up these packs for ease of purchasing. The following stores are able to fulfil McDowall SS ‘Instrument Pack’ requirements. Ellaways and Morris Brothers will even deliver the book packs to the McDowall State School for the start of the school year 2016.

Simply for Strings – ph: 1300 739 293  
Shop 78, Enoggera Terrace, RED HILL

Morris Brothers Musical Store – ph: 3356 3299  
Cnr of Webster Road & Billabong Street, STAFFORD  
**Will deliver packs to the School at the start of 2016**

Ellaways Music – ph: 3359 8266  
311 – 337 Gympie Road, KEDRON  
**Will deliver packs to the School at the start of 2016**

CONTACT: Ms Crowhurst – Head of Curriculum
Sports News

Inter-school Sports
Friday afternoon inter-school sports have now concluded for Years 4-6 students. Well done students across a range of sports for demonstrating such enthusiasm and performing at your best every week. Thank you to all teachers (coaches) for your leadership and commitment to your teams. Thank you parents for coming along and showing your support to our teams.

Please return all borrowed jerseys to your coach ASAP.

Interschool Sport - Wet Weather Refunds
Refunds for those weeks when inter-school sport was cancelled due to wet weather, have now been processed and finalised. For most students, this was processed automatically and a credit applied to your child's account.

Table Tennis Tournament
Is open to students in Years 5 and 6 only. It is held on Monday 7th December and starts at 1st break in K Block (OSH).

Year 3 Inter-school Tennis
This Sunday a group of Year 3 students will be playing in an inter-school tennis tournament at Shaw Park. Best wishes.

Swimming
The Year 1 and 2 swimming programme ran very smoothly thanks to the commitment of teachers and parent volunteers. If you are keen to continue, Sam Riley Swim School is running a week of intensive swimming (comprised of five lessons) beginning 4th January. Check their website for details.

Amart Sport
When buying items from Amart Sport remember to mention the name of our school. We are part of their Community Kickback Programme and receive free sports equipment.

Holiday Tennis Clinics
If you’d like your child/ren to learn or keep up their tennis skills, consider enrolling them in a Holiday Tennis Clinic. These are run by your local club and ANZ Hot Shots programme partner – Everton Tennis. For dates and prices, visit their website.

Have a great break, stay fit and eat healthy!

CONTACT: Mr Henderson – PE Teacher

Defence Family News

Defence Family Survey

Survey open: 16 November - 7 December

"Defence recognises the significant contribution of ADF families in supporting military members in their duties. The 2015 ADF Families Survey is an opportunity for ADF families to tell Defence about their experiences. This year’s survey will focus on relocations and absence from home, and will be an important source of information about the demands of service on families and members. It will assist Defence to understand how to improve programs, policies and communications to better meet the needs of ADF members and their families."

The online link is as follows:

Blue School Posting Passports
Would all families please send in their child’s Blue School Posting Passports if they have not done so already. These are a great keepsake of your child's adventures as a 'Defence Kid'. For the past few weeks, I have been working with our departing students, discussing friendship, new opportunities and the concept of resilience.

Farewell
For our families who are heading off on their next exciting adventure, we hope that you have enjoyed your time with us at McDowall State School. Perhaps we will see you again in a few years! To the families with loved ones serving away during the Christmas period, our thoughts are with you. I am looking forward to seeing you all back at school in 2016.

Support Over the Holidays
Should you need support over the school holidays please contact:

Defence Family Helpline - 1800 624 608
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Sincerely,
Mrs Jones
Defence School Transition Aide (DSTA)
cjone404@eq.edu.au
McDowall and Mitchelton State Primary Schools
P&C Association News

www.mcdowallss.com    Click here to like us on    

Update from the Executive

I am so proud of the P&C Association Executive, P&C Association members and the entire school community. We achieved a huge number of goals that we set ourselves at the beginning of this year and we did it in style, that is for sure.

With the usual number of fundraisers and community events such as the Election Day, Cake Stall, Welcome Morning Tea, School Disco, Mothers Day/Fathers Day Stalls, Sports Day Cake Stall/Raffle, Walk Safely to School Days, Grandparents Morning Tea, Prep Tea Towels, Entertainment Book sales, Book Club and School Banking, we also pulled off a 40th Celebration for members past and present; and of course the very successful Spring Fair.

In addition to all of this, we have successfully provided Tartan Tuckerbox, Uniform Shop and Outside School Hours Care services to you all. Behind the scenes... the P&C Association Executive have been extremely busy undertaking legal, industrial and human resource audits and implementing required actions to ensure business operational compliance.

Collectively, we have all made a lasting difference to the education of all children at this school. Every dollar raised by the P&C Association is invested back into the school to enhance your child’s education.

Any parent is welcome to contact the P&C Secretary at secretary@mcdowallss.com and have an issue for discussion placed on a future meeting agenda. We also invite you to raise proposed solutions to issues you may have.

Regardless of whether you attend meetings or not, as a P&C Association member you will receive the agenda, minutes and associated documents to keep you informed. For all existing members, please remember that your P&C Association membership will lapse on 31st December 2015.

To renew your membership, you must submit a new registration form. If you submit your form via the AGM you will not need to attend in person to have your membership accepted. Any registration forms received after that time will require you to attend a P&C Association meeting to have your registration accepted.

Renew Your P&C Membership

Maintaining P&C Membership is critical to staying informed at McDowall SS and enabling you to influence the direction, events and decisions of the P&C Association - your representative body. It also gives you an opportunity to constructively have your issues heard and considered.

AGM 2016 – Date Claimer

The 2016 AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 24th February from 7pm in K Block (OSHC). Please put this date in your calendar now as we hope to see you there.
Positions Vacant

We will be recruiting to the following voluntary positions in 2016, including:
- P&C Vice President
- P&C Secretary
- P&C Communications Officer
- Get Ready for Next Year Now Coordinator
- School Banking Volunteer

Please see the P&C's website for more details on these roles.

If you think you have the skills to contribute to our wonderful school by filling one of these vacancies, please contact the P&C Association President at president@mcdowallss.com.

A thank you is extended to all P&C Association office bearers. We appreciate your commitment, contribution and interest in enhancing our children’s education.

P&C General Meetings – Change of Days

The P&C Association have decided to change the meeting days to every alternate Monday and Wednesday next year. This decision was made in response to the availability of families as per the family survey results.

Term 1 meetings will be as follows:
- AGM: Wednesday 24th February, 2016, 7pm
- General Meetings: Wednesday 24th February, 8-9pm
  Monday 21st March, 7-9pm

All meetings held in K Block (OSHC).

Tartan Tuckerbox

Opening Hours for the Last Week of School

During the last week of term, the Tuckerbox will be hosting several celebration morning teas as well as managing stock for the holiday closure. The regular daily specials will be limited but staples like toasties and wraps will be available all week.

Tuckshop Trading Hours in Week 10

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Uniform Shop

Extending hours in 2016
- Saturday 23rd January 2016 10am to 2pm
- Monday 25th, Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th and Friday 29th January from 8.15am to 9.30am.

OSHC

Making things better

The OSHC Management Team, P&C Association President and Treasurer have been meeting regularly with Kylie B from Queensland Children’s Activity Network (QCAN) to explore better ways of delivering Outside School Hours Care to your children. Thanks Kylie for making the time to come and help us out. We’ll keep you posted about some exciting initiatives that are in the pipeline.

Book Club

2015 Statistics
- $16,659 worth of books ordered (including $2,612 of books purchased for the school library from rewards earned in 2015 and 2014).
- $2,809 earned in commission.
- 1,384 books ordered by McDowall State School teachers and parents.