



# Tartan Times

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## Yr 5 Street Science!



On Tuesday 24 May the Year Five's had a 'Seriously Fun Science Experience' from the Street Science Team. During the incursion in our school Hall the students were able to explore how light is absorbed, reflected and refracted. The team set up four stations for small groups of students to enjoy a hands-on experience to discover the amazing science behind light. Worksheets were completed and then followed up in class. The finale of the day was the exciting 'See the Light' Show. During the show the students witnessed first hand the properties of light right before their eyes. High impact demonstrations with fire, liquid nitrogen and other curious chemicals were also observed in an unforgettable lesson on how light and matter behave around us. Here are some of our own science investigators at work.



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### School Administration (Office)

Open Mon to Fri, 8.00am – 4.00pm  
Payment days: Tue & Thur: 8am – 11am

### Recess Times

Prep – Year 2: 10.30am – 11.10am  
12.45pm – 1.25pm  
Years 3 – 6: 11.00am – 11.40am  
1.15pm – 1.55pm

### School Assemblies

Mon: 8:55 – 9:30am (Years 3–6)  
Wed: 8.30 – 9:00am (Prep–Yr 2)

### Tartan Tuckerbox (Tuckshop)

Monday: 1<sup>st</sup> break only  
Open Tuesday to Friday  
Flexischools orders avail. Mon-Fri  
To volunteer: [click here](#)

### Uniform Shop

Open Mon & Thu, 7.45am to 9.30am

### Standard Uniform (Mon – Thu)

- Tartan or red polo shirt
- Bottle green pants shorts / skirts
- Bottle green socks & black shoes (Tartan)
- White socks & black shoes (red polo shirt)
- Red bucket (for Prep Year) or Bottle green 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 / skirts
- White socks
- School hat

## What's Happening

22.06.22	Yrs 4-6 Inter-House Athletics Carnival (Field Events)
23.06.22	Student Council Casual Dress Day - Gold Coin Donation Prep Active Learning Day
24.06.22	P-6 Inter-House Athletics Carnival (Track Events) Last Day of Term 2
11.07.22	First Day of Term 3
20-21.07.22	Yr 3 Ngutana-Lui Excursion
25-27.07.22	Yr 2 Bunyaville Excursion P&C Association General Meeting
29.07.22	Yr 4 Living History Incursion
01.07.22	Yr 6 Mathematics Olympiad
04-05.08.22	Yrs 3-6 District Track & Field Trials
10.08.22	Ekka Public Holiday
11.08.22	Yr 4 Cyber Safety Incursion
12.08.22	Grandparent's Open Morning
17.08.22	Yrs 5-6 Wavell SHS Literacy Olympics
19.08.22	Yrs 5-6 School Tennis Tournament Yr 5 Intermediate Music Muster
19-26.08.22	Book Fair / Book Week
22.08.22	P&C Association General Meeting Yrs 3-6 Book Week Assembly
23.08.22	Yr 5 Planetarium Excursion
24.08.22	Yrs 3-6 Regional Athletics P-6 Pyjama Day - Book Week Celebration P-2 Book Week Assembly
25.08.22	Poem In Your Pocket Day
26.08.22	Yrs 5-6 Sing Fest (Honours Choir & Senior Choir)

**PLEASE NOTE: THE ABOVE DATES ARE COVID RESTRICTIONS PENDING**

## Principal's Post

### Acknowledgement of Country

I thank the Turrbal people for the land on which our students play and learn, I acknowledge the traditional owners and pay my respects to elders past, present and those emerging in our classrooms.



### Curriculum Collaborations – Teachers planning together in English

To support our Strategic Plan in building deep knowledge of the Australian Curriculum and its implementation in teaching and student learning, all our classroom teachers across all year levels have spent a whole day together with our Head of Department -Curriculum, support staff and other members of the leadership team reviewing the English assessment and curriculum for the term ahead. Our classroom teachers have currently undergone this through our Curriculum Collaborations process over these last two weeks in preparation for next term. Our Curriculum Collaborations involves all year level teachers together for a whole school day, unpacking the Australian Curriculum English assessment and achievement standards, the content, building knowledge and understanding of the curriculum and how to make it more visible to our students in their learning. Our teachers then, together, review the unit of work to identify opportunities to differentiate the learning to support all students to achieve their best. While our teachers are away from their class for the day, curriculum collaborations have a positive impact on students' achievement and learning outcomes, which are referred to in the next newsletter article below. Well done to our teaching teams.

### Semester 1, 2022 Results

Our semester 1, 2022 report cards will be emailed out to parents and carers at the end of this term. Teachers are currently meeting with parents and carers to discuss students' semester 1 results. The schools overall results were outstanding and exceeded our targets for 2022. Our 2022 targets are:

Targets for 2022:

- Increase the percentage of students from Prep to Year 6, achieving a C or better in the Australian Curriculum learning area of English. Target is 94% in 2022
- Increase the percentage of students from Prep to Year 6, achieving an A or B level of achievement in the Australian Curriculum learning area of English. Target is 55% in 2022.

We achieved in Semester 1, 2022 in English:

- 95.2% of our students achieved a pass (C standard or better) in English this semester
- 64.3% of our students achieved and A or B in English

Both of these results were well above our targets.

The percent of students achieving a C or better in English has increase by 1.4% from Semester 2, 2021 and increased by 6% from Semester 1, 2021 in English achievement across the school.

We also have a focus on our students achieving an A or B in English and we have seen an increase in these results this semester. Our percent of students achieving an A or B in English has increased by 3.7% from Semester 2, 2021 and increased by again 13.8% from Semester 1, 2021 in English achievement across the school.

## School Communication – Facebook

We welcome parents and other members of our school community to our great school. Working together with our school community, we are wanting to grow our communication methods with our parents and wider school community. We are currently developing a McDowall State School Facebook page that will be launched early next semester. It is important to note that the purpose of our school's Facebook page will be to share notices, information and learnings with our school community. Our Facebook page will not replace our other ways that we currently use to communicate with our community, such as phone calls, text messaging, newsletters, speaking to your child's teacher and other important and effective communication tools.

As with all communication within our school community, the communication from members of the community is expected to:

- being polite to others
- Parents and community are to act as positive role models
- recognising and respecting personal differences
- using the school's other communication processes (phone or email) to address concerns, not Facebook.
- using polite written language - speaking and behaving respectfully at all times
- being compassionate when interacting with others and seeking to understand
- respecting staff time by accepting that staff will respond to appropriate communication when they are able to
- Not using Facebook to discuss any concerns about their child's education. Parents are asked contact the school by phone or email to request a meeting to discuss their child.
- recognising every student is important to us and valuing each child's education
- contributing to a positive school culture
- respecting people's privacy
- speaking positively about the school and our staff
- not making negative comments or gossiping about other school community members, including students, on social media
- considering Student Protection and the privacy of all school community members at all times, and understanding that the school cannot share confidential information.
- supporting safety by ensuring communications and conduct about the school and school activities is respectful

To support the wellbeing of our staff, we will not respond to inquiries on our Facebook page after hours. More information on when our School's official Facebook page will be ready will be shared early next term.



## Notice of School Council Election Membership and Vacant Positions



### School Council

The school council is an elected body of 10 members that provides input into the strategic direction of the school. Two members are official members who are the Principal and the P&C President, the other eight positions are elected positions. There are four elected staff members and four elected parent members on our school council. Elected members are appointed for a two year period from 1st July until 30th June. There are two vacancies for parent members for 2022 to 2024 and two vacancies for staff members for 2022 to 2024.

**NOMINATION FORMS** Nomination Forms for the Elected Member vacancies are available from School Administration or from the school website:

<https://mcdowallss.eq.edu.au/supportandresources/formsanddocuments/documents/school%20council/school-council-membership-nomination-form-2022-2024.pdf>

Nomination Forms must be received at School Administration by noon on Friday 22nd July 2022. It is recommended that potential nominees refer to the School Council documents and minutes of meetings recorded within the school website:

[www.mcdowallss.eq.edu.au](http://www.mcdowallss.eq.edu.au)

School Council elections will occur after the nominations have closed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank outgoing parent member Soraya Bews for her ongoing commitment to McDowall State school in many roles over many years and in the role of School Council Chair and parent member.

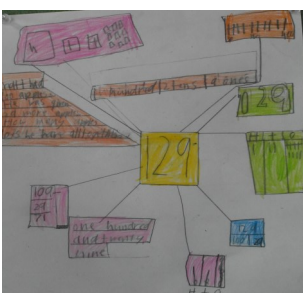
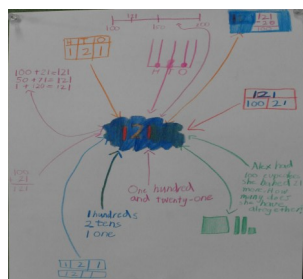
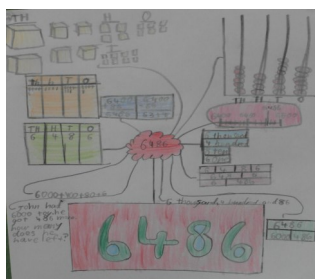
## School Holidays

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing holiday with your families and loved ones. Take care and see you next term on Monday 11th July.

## Principal's Gallery

w/c 11th July	1J2
w/c 18th July	1J3
w/c 25th July	6C1
w/c 1st Aug	4E3

Please enjoy a snapshot of art-work featured from  
**1J1**



## Library News



Two whole weeks of holidays should not mean no reading. These winter days are perfect for some late morning reading and sharing of books in the morning sun. It doesn't have to be a novel, simply snuggling up and sharing a picture book can be lots of fun too. Students have borrowed from the library for over the holidays, and don't forget you can always make use of your local council library whether you are in Brisbane City Council or Moreton Bay Shire. Joining is simple and gives your child access to another whole collection of resources, especially over the holidays should they run out of reading material.

Heads up for Term Three in the library, our biggest term of the year. Make sure you look out for information coming home during the term on all our exciting events, including Book Week with a Pyjama Day at school, a week long Book Fair, and 'Poem in Your Pocket' day.

A child who reads will be an adult who thinks. Sasha Salmina



CONTACT: Ms Sandra Davis, Library Teacher Aide

## Sports News

- > Jerseys / equipment - Gala Days have now concluded. If your child was given a school jersey or equipment it should now be returned to their Gala Day coach. Jerseys/uniforms need to be returned before the end of term.
- > Congratulations - Maddie Donaldson for selection into the North District Tennis Team.
- > Congratulations - Ryan Fistr, his Met North AFL team finished 2nd in the State carnival.



- > Wednesday 22nd June - morning: High Jump Finals - middle: Shot Put & Discus Finals - afternoon: 800m Finals.
- > Friday 24th June - Inter-house Sports Day morning, Sprint Races Prep to Yr 6 - middle: 200m Yr4 to Yr 6 - afternoon: Relays Yr 3 - Yr 6.

CONTACT: Mr Paul Henderson, PE Teacher



Guidance Officer News

Our local BCC libraries are again offering free or low-cost school holiday activities such as 'Makerspace' at Everton Park Library with free craft activities for children aged 4-11. Other activities at various locations include street art, mountain bike riding and robotics. See : <https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-in-brisbane/school-holiday-events> for more information.

Happy holidays all!

CONTACT: Mrs Ellie Goodwin, Guidance Officer

Sustainability News

BEE on the lookout for some new students at the school. They are tiny, have wings and only leave home if it's warmer than 18 degrees!

The sustainability team have been successful in obtaining the **Tim Mander MP Environmental Grant!** This grant will focus on bringing the Environmental Area (adjacent to staff carparks near Prep) back to its natural glory. We will soon be clearing the weeds from the creek and embankment, replacing them with over 300 native seedlings! We are also installing a new Native (stingless) Bee Hive to assist with pollination and encourage local insects back into the area.



CONTACT: Mrs Jasmine Malmberg-Moore, Teacher

Defence News

Hi Defence Families!

Can you believe we've made it to the last week of term? It's been a long one but I can say with all honesty that it has been very rewarding getting to know the students over the last 10 weeks and that they have made me feel very welcome.

It's safe to say that Term 2 has been tricky with so many public holidays etc, however, the students have really engaged with Defence Clubs again and it's been great to see them building solid connections with existing, as well as new friends. In addition, I'm pleased to report that the wellbeing piece that was introduced this term has been really well received, especially with our Year 2's. We've been on imaginary magic carpet rides, practiced our breathing and stretching and explored how music can affect our frame of mind. I am really looking forward to continuing working in this space next term.

So, what is happening in the Defence School Mentor space in Term 3? As mentioned, the wellbeing initiative will continue and will be rolled out to the Senior School on Mondays.

Defence Clubs will also continue to run on Tuesdays but there will be a slight change to the schedule on Wednesdays, as I will now be working every 2nd Wednesday. I have attached a new timetable below and will send a copy home this week. Look out for new 'Absence Support' cards that will also be coming home this week. These are a new resource that will allow the students to let me know when a parent is away so that I can provide appropriate support during the absence, both in and out of the classroom.

Lastly, as always, please don't hesitate to let me know if I can support your family in any way, especially if you are being deployed, going on exercise or being posted. I can be contacted via email, which is [rsext9@eq.edu.au](mailto:rsext9@eq.edu.au) or alternatively, you can contact me through the school administration phone number.

Until next time, have a safe and fun break!

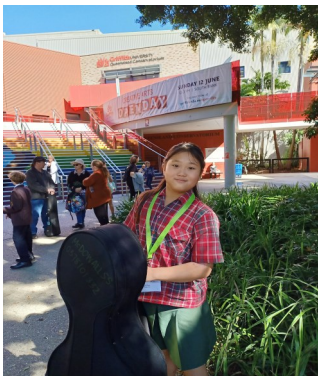
DSM Availability Term 3	Monday 900am – 230pm	Tuesday 900am – 230pm	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 1030am – 230pm
JUNIOR PROGRAM	MONDAY	TUESDAY	EVERY 2 <sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY
First Break		Junior Defence Club (Year 1 – 2) Where: OSHC Outdoor Area	
Second Break	Wellbeing Program (All Welcome) Where: OSHC Inside		PREP Playground Visits
SENIOR PROGRAM	MONDAY	TUESDAY	EVERY 2 <sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY
First Break		Senior Defence Club (Years 3 – 5) Where: The Hall	
Second Break	Wellbeing Program (All Welcome) Where: The Hall		

CONTACT: Mrs Bec Sexton, Defence School Mentor

Music News

Students at SHEP Middle School

Congratulations to Elisabeth Y (6C3) and Ashley T (5G3) who were selected to represent McDowall State School at the SHEP middle school program. Students were selected from schools all over the Metropolitan region from Years 5-9. They participated in a two day workshop with conductor Mark Sullivan which concluded in a concert at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music in Southbank. Well done girls.



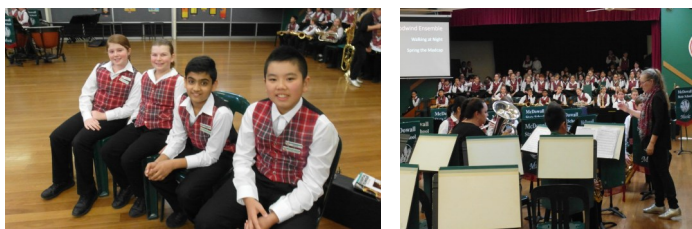
CONTACT: Ms Kathryn Payne, Music Teacher

## Celebration Concerts

Congratulations to the many talented students who performed within the McDowall State School Celebration Concerts held on Thursday morning and evening 16th June. The three concerts were a hit with our music students showing off their skill and talent. Our music teachers all work so hard to get their students ready for these types of performances and they should be congratulated on the high standard that was presented. It was such a joy to see so many McDowall students involved in making music and finally having the opportunity to perform to a live audience!

Events like these can't happen without many volunteers, so a huge "Thank You" to the 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 8th September. This Concert is of a more intimate style, comprising of small instrumental and solo instrumental performances. We hope to see you there!



## Rode Band Make Fanfare Finals!!!!

Last week, we received the very exciting news that McDowall State School Rode Band was successful in earning a place in the finals for Education Queensland's Fanfare 2022. Fanfare is the biennial state-wide festival of bands and orchestras from Queensland state schools. It showcases the exciting music-making that occurs in school-based ensembles across the state. This year's program saw more than 500 schools participating in Fanfare 2022.

From the many primary school ensembles that competed in Greater Brisbane heats last month, McDowall SS's Rode Band was chosen to be one of the nine finalists. A huge congratulations to Mrs Gyte and the students of Rode Band. McDowall State School Rode Band will be performing in the Fanfare 2022 Finals on Thursday, 23rd June at 10:10 am at the Old Museum Building, Bowen Bridge Road, Bowen Hills. We wish them all the very best for their upcoming performance.



CONTACT: Ms Vanessa Crowhurst, Head of Curriculum

## Art Competition Assembly

### McDowall Art Competition Assembly

Each year, McDowall State School holds an Art Competition across P-6. We are constantly amazed at the artistic and creative talents of our students and 2022 is no exception! At special Art Assemblies this week, our School Hall was transformed into an art gallery as we displayed and announced the following Year Level winners:

Prep	Year 1	Year 2
<u>Aadhrika</u> T - PC1	Bryan T - 1J6	Elijah C - 2J7
Grace M - PC2	Amira N - 1J4	<u>Zali</u> B - 2J7
Sophie S - PB2	Miriam M - 1J1	Christopher L - 2O1
Harlow G - PC1	Ashley L - 1J4	Dominik G - 2J8
<u>Mavrisa</u> I - PC2	Percy K - 1J2	Emily N - 2J8
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Oscar Z - 3N2	Victoria S - 4G1	Thomas J - 5G2
Alice C - 3F1	Amelia M - 4E1	Valencia T - 5G4
Brooke B - 3F4	<u>Kobey</u> S - 4G1	Isabella S - 5G3
Penelope M - 3F3	Toby W - 4E1	Hollie C - 5G4
Leila L - 3F3	Ayla M - 4E4	Kirsten W - 5D2
Year 6	Winner of the Nicol Jackson Art Award	
Charli - <u>Rhej</u> S - 6C4		
Misha A - 6C3		
Ewan M - 6C3		
Madison W - 6C2		
Evie J - 6C2		



CONTACT: Ms Vanessa Crowhurst, Head of Curriculum



## P&C Association News

### Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough

Thank you to everyone for participating in the Billy G's Cookie Dough fundraiser.

Collection for all orders are :

Thursday 23rd June - 2.15pm - 3.30pm.

Friday 24th June - 8.00am - 3.30pm



These can be picked up from the School Hall.

The cookie dough arrives to us frozen and can be out of the fridge/freezer for 8 hours before requiring refrigeration again.

Thursday collections are the preference as we have limited fridge/freezer space at school for overnight collections.

Families with large orders over 25 tubs, have been emailed separately to make other collection arrangements.

Bring your cooler bags or a small trolley if needed.

Senior students may collect theirs after school Thursday and Friday if you think they can manage to carry the tubs.

And ..... all students will receive their prizes when they collect their tubs.

### Skate Night



Thank you to everyone that came along for Skate Night. 179 skaters showed up and we raised \$727 for our school. Congratulations to Dean W. for winning the lucky door prize which was a new pair of skates. Congratulations to Adele, Dani and Alice for winning runner-up family skate passes to enjoy at Skateaway in Albany Creek.

### Raffle Winners - Music Concert

Well done to all the winners of the Music Concert raffle:

1st . Top Golf voucher - Dave Machin

2nd . Deep Grey Photography voucher - Steph Bradley

3rd . Portable Karaoke - Steph Bradley

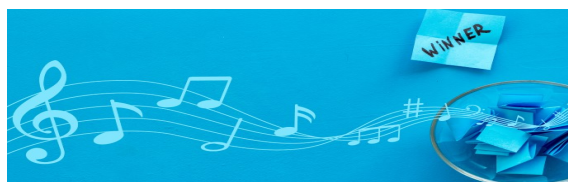
4th . Dipadees voucher - Damien Hindley

5th . Cube Escape Room voucher - Vanessa Sui

6th . Spotted Cod voucher - Shyla Manabat

7th . Food Hamper - Roy Jackson

We hope you enjoy all amazing prizes!!!



### Sports Day



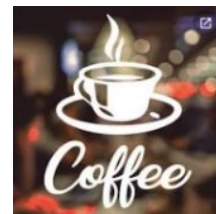
With Sports Day coming up this Friday, 24th June, we have a few things that will be available on the day to keep you warm and refreshed:

The Bunya Lions are putting on a Sausage Sizzle and will be open from 9.00am onwards. They will also be serving cold drinks.

The Cabbage Tree coffee cart will also be there serving freshly brewed coffee from 8.00am onwards.

Eftpos and Cash payments available.

Come along and support your teams!



### Prep Tea Towel Fundraiser



Each child will be creating their works of art in class this week. Their drawings and names will be arranged altogether as a commemorative design for the McDowall SS Preppies of 2022 and then screen printed onto natural, premium 100% cotton tea towels. The Tea Towels are a beautiful keepsake for the prep students.

Watch this space over the coming weeks for more details as to when you are able to order them.

### Building Fund



Our Building Fund is growing thanks to all of you, and we appreciate every dollar.

It's not too late to receive a tax deduction in your next tax return. Remember, donations over \$2 are tax deductible. You can easily donate via Flexischools.

### We're Social!

Be sure to follow our Facebook for the most up-to-date info! @McdowallStateSchoolPandC



CONTACT: Mrs Helen Tavner-Corner & Mrs Darian Witty, P&C Communications Coordinators