



Tartan Times

McDowall State School
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NEWSLETTER

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Attendance Matters!

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 term and school year. If your family is planning to go on holidays or your child is likely to be absent from school, please enter the absence through QParents, send an email or leave a telephone message with School Administration, advising them of the anticipated absence and reason for absence.



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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: 1st 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

17.08.22	Yrs 5-6 Wavell SHS Literacy Olympics
18.08.22	Prep Open Morning (8.30am - 10.30am)
19.08.22	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 (see Library News for more information) 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)
27.08.22	P&C Association Trivia Night (Hall - 6pm)
29.08.22	Yr 6 District Mathematics Tournament Yrs 3-6 Merrille O'Neill Assembly EOI for 2023 - Instrumental Music Immersion Programme of Excellence
30.08.22	Great McDowall Busking Competition (Yr 6 Instrumental Students)
30-31.08.22	Prep Trevena Glen Excursion
31.08.22	Yrs 5-6 Battle of the Bands (Rode Band & Presto Strings) Yr 2 Recruitment Concerts (Rode Band & Presto Strings) P-2 Merrille O'Neill Assembly
01.09.22	Instrumental Music Parent Information Evening #1 (Hall - 6pm) P&C Association Fathers' Day Stall
02.09.22	Student Free Day
07.09.22	Yr 1 Arts Activity Afternoon Cyber Safety Information Night (Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm)
08.09.22	RUOK Day Yrs 5-6 Chamber Music Concert - (Hall - Evening)
09.09.22	P-6 Inter-House Cross Country
11.09.22	P&C Association Spring Colour Run
12.09.22	School Council Meeting 7pm Yr 6 Mathematics Olympiad
13.09.22	Yr 4 Maths Explorers
13-15.09.22	Northside Honours Music Workshop - Everton Park SH
14.09.22	Closing Date for EOI for 2023 Instrumental Music Immersion Programme of Excellence

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, and I acknowledge the traditional owners and pay my respects to elders past, present and those emerging in our classrooms.



Grandparents Day

Wow... it was so lovely to see so many grandparents last Friday at our Grandparents Day. Classrooms were filled with grandparents sharing their experiences and supporting our students in their learning. Thank-you to everyone for your support for this magical day. It was an amazing experience for our students. Our wonderful parent volunteers and P&C provided a massive and extremely delicious morning tea for our grandparents. Thank-you so much to all our parents and carers who baked, volunteered, greeted and supported the morning tea and the grandparents. Our classrooms were filled with joy, knowledge and laughter as our grandparents visited and shared their own school experiences. Our teachers kindly welcomed grandparents into their classrooms to spend the morning with their grandchildren and hearing about their learning. Thank-you to all our teachers, teacher aides, administration, support staff, cleaners and P&C for making all the arrangements for our Grandparents day. It was lovely to meet and connect with so many grandparents and hear their stories. Thank-you.



District Athletics Results

Congratulations to all the students in our school and district who competed at the recent Met North Region – North District Athletics Carnival. Our school won the A-schools division and received a third place in the overall rundown from 16 Schools. Well done to our athletes!

Congratulations to the Athletes from McDowall State School who made the North District Team: Ethan Yr 4; Harlow Yr 5; Katie Yr 5; Brodie Yr 4; Ryan Yr 6; Manaia Yr 4; Joshua Yr 5; Narnia Yr 6; Madeleine Yr 6; Mochen Yr 6; Zara Yr 5; Shyla Yr 5; Bella Yr 6; Cooper Yr 6; Jessica Yr 6; Georgia Yr 6; Josh Yr 6; Anahera Yr 6



P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting is on Monday 22 August 2022 at 7pm in K Block (OSH). All parents and Carers are very welcome to attend the meeting and volunteer for the P&C.



Principal's Gallery

w/c 22nd Aug	2Q2	Please enjoy a snapshot of art-work featured from 1J6
w/c 29th Aug	2Q1	
w/c 5th Sept	2O1	
w/c 12th Sept	4E2	

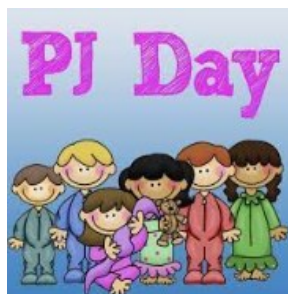


Library News

Book Week

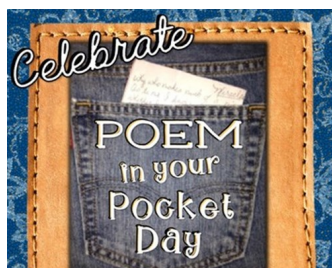
All our classes have been reading the six shortlisted titles in the 'Early Childhood' category and our class voting will be finalised this Friday in line with the official judging of all the Book Week categories and the announcement of the winners. It will be exciting to see if our school choice matches the Book Council judges!

Pyjama Day



Teachers and students need to wear their pyjamas to school on Wednesday 24th August to help us celebrate Book Week this year and 'Dreaming With Eyes Open'. No gold coin is required for this free dress day and all students must follow the usual school safe procedures of free dress days. Look out for all the teachers in the pj's!

Poem In Your Pocket Day



Our annual day is on Thursday 25th August. We hope all students bring a beloved, or self-composed prose with them to school on a card for signing throughout the day. These will be randomly drawn out in the afternoon for year level prizes.


Book Fair

The fair will commenced today and will run through the whole of Book Week finishing on Thursday afternoon August 26th. It is open from 8am each morning until 3.30pm each afternoon. All students will visit the fair in their normal library times and come home with their 'Wishlist', which has Scholastic ordering instructions on the back. In conjunction with your students wishlist, all families will have received a unique email yesterday. It has our 'photograph catalogue' attached, showing all the items available at the fair with prices, to assist with orders if you cannot make it in person. If attending in person, cash and eftpos are available and items are taken home. If shopping online, items you wish to purchase from the wishlist or the photo catalogue, must be paid for online and the receipt number sent into school with your student who will be given the items to take home. Please note that you do not order the actual items online, you simply pay the total amount for items you would like to purchase and list them, or highlight them, and add the online receipt number on the wishlist.

Any queries about Book Fair, the purchasing online process, or any of the library activities happening in August please email library@mcdowallss.eq.edu.au. We are here to assist however we can as we move to keep our Book Week and Book Fair traditions current, with various ways to browse and purchase – ensuring we keep our students love of books and the special week alive.

BOOK WEEK

Pyjama Day



Wear your pyjamas on 'Pyjama Day' and help us celebrate this year's Book Week Theme
'Dreaming with Eyes Open'

Everyone loves a bedtime story all tucked up in your PJ's – it's our favourite time to read.

When: Wednesday 24th August

What to Wear:

- Wear your favourite pair of pyjamas (sun safe and socially modest)
- Remember to wear or bring your school shoes
- Remember to wear or bring your school hat
- NO GOLD COIN DONATION FOR THIS DAY



Thursday 25th August

- Have a short poem on a piece of card that can fit into your pocket. You can write the poem or get one from a book.
- Have your name on the poem card too.
- When someone approaches you during the day, read them your poem.
- Make sure the person who listens to your poem signs the back of your poem card.
- By 2:00pm make sure your completed poem card is in the box in the library.
- There will be one randomly selected prize winner per year level.

Cyber Safety News

Raising Resilient Children

FREE PARENTING SEMINAR

Raising Resilient Children – find out more about cybersafety

Wednesday 7th September, 6:00 – 7:30PM, McDowall State School



Many parents worry about what their kids are doing online but aren't sure how to best protect them. We all do our best to supervise our children's online activities, but there are also other steps we can take. That's why we're proud to be hosting a Triple P Seminar to help all parents give children useful skills and strategies to manage their emotions, overcome challenges, and handle situations such as unpleasant online interactions. Whatever stage of life your child is at or what challenges you are facing as a parent, the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program can help make raising kids easier, and help you guide them towards a happy and successful adulthood.



Triple P's Raising Resilient Children Seminar offers tips on how to develop your child's ability to cope with problems, now and in the future, in real-life and online.

HELP YOUR KIDS COPE WITH LIFE'S UPS AND DOWNS – INCLUDING ONLINE

- **Problem-solve with your child, to help them stay safe and manage risks online**
- **Support your child's ability to manage emotional ups and downs**
- **Manage screen time and set age-appropriate boundaries**
- **Know what actions to take if your child is being bullied online**
- **Help your child cope with stress and setbacks and stay positive**

The seminar is fun and friendly and it's FREE! It'll help kids AND parents take the drama out of family life (and screen time) so everyone can deal with issues calmly and more confidently.

Visit the [Triple P website](#) to learn more and book your free spot.

Triple P is a world-renowned program (developed in Queensland!) that has already helped more than 4 million children and their families, and is currently offered free of charge to Queensland parents and carers of children up to 16 years. Triple P also offers other seminars, group workshops and one-on-one consultations, as well as Triple P Online, Teen Triple P Online, and Fear-Less Triple P Online (web-based courses you do in your own time, at your own pace). There are also a range of Stepping Stones Triple P programs, which are tailored specifically for parents of a child with a disability. New Fear-Less Triple P helps parents of anxious children and teenagers.

CONTACT: Mr David Pedwell, Years 5-6 Deputy Principal

Music News

Singfest

On Friday 26th August (week 7), all Honours and Senior Choir students will be attending SingFest. SingFest is a fantastic one day event, held at Brisbane's Old Museum, for choir students from all over Brisbane. Choristers are busily rehearsing the repertoire in preparation for this event. An information letter and invoice will be emailed home this week to all participating students. Please ensure you read all information carefully and return payment and the permission slip to the office.



Northside Region Intermediate Music Muster Workshops

A number of our instrumental music students will be attending regional workshops in the next couple of weeks. Year 5 and 6 strings students will be attending Intermediate Music Muster at McDowall State School and Year 5 and 6 band students will be attending Intermediate Music Muster at Craigslea State High School. Both musters are on Friday 19th August.

The registration portal for this event closed at 10:00pm on Monday 1st August. Unfortunately, if you did not meet the registration deadline your child will be unable to attend.

The purpose of the workshops is to provide extension programmes for music students, to provide ensemble experience according to student level and to provide access for students to expert tuition from guest conductors and tutors. We wish the students all the best and their teachers all the very best!

Instrumental Recruitment Demonstration Performances

It is time to start recruiting again for the McDowall State School Instrumental Music Program of Excellence. All students in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 have the opportunity to join the 2023 Instrumental Music Program of Excellence (where there are vacancies). Year 2 students will attend a recruitment demonstration performance on Wednesday August 31st. These demonstration performances aim to show case the instruments offered as part of the program and also affords our instrumental music students an opportunity share their experiences in the program with fellow students.

An 'Instrumental Music Expression of Interest' letter will be issued to all Year 2 students and students in Years 3, 4 and 5 who are not currently in the Music Immersion Program of Excellence. If you are interested in your child participating in the McDowall State School Instrumental Music Immersion Program of Excellence in 2023, you will need to fill in your Expression of Interest via the survey link embedded in the letter. Closing date for EOI is **Wednesday 14th September, 2022**. Additional forms (hard copy) may be accessed from School Administration

A Parent Information Evening will be held on **Thursday 1st September** from 6.00pm in the School Hall. This is a **MUST** for parents interested in their child being part of the McDowall SS Instrumental Music Immersion Program in 2023. Booking information will be communicated closer to the event.

Chamber Music Concert

A reminder that Thursday 8th September, 2022 is the McDowall State School Chamber Music Concert. These concerts are more intimate, comprising of small ensemble and solo performances. We are looking forward to a fantastic night of music. Information regarding the booking of seats will be forwarded closer to the concert date.

The Great McDowall Busking Competition

On Tuesday 30th August 2022, senior instrumental music students will take to the playground in the annual Great McDowall Busking Competition. Small music groups will set themselves up in various locations around the school to perform to their fellow students during the second break. Students will then have the opportunity to vote for the busking group they think was the most entertaining. We can't wait to hear the sounds of so many talented students performing for their peers.



Key Performing Arts Dates - Term 3

19 th August	Intermediate Music Muster (Craiglea State High School-Band, McDowall State School - Strings)
26 th August	SingFest Choral Festival – Old Museum
29 th August	EOI for 2023 - Instrumental Music Immersion Programme of Excellence letter emailed out.
30th August	The Great McDowall Busking Competition (Yr 6 Instrumental Students)
31 st August	Year 2 Recruitment Concert/Battle of the Bands
1 st September	Instrumental Music Parent Information Night 1, 6:00pm, School Hall
8 th September	Chamber Concert, School Hall
13 th – 15 th September	Northside Honours Instrumental Music Programme – 3 day workshop – Everton Park SHS
14 th September	Closing date for EOI via survey link for 2023 Instrumental Music Immersion Programme of Excellence.

Sports News

District Athletics

Congratulations to the 55 students who attended the District Athletics Carnival last week. Their efforts and behaviour were commendable. Seventeen students from our school have made it into the District Team. They will compete at the upcoming Met North Carnival held at University QLD. Our relay teams also did well with all teams making the final and some teams getting a place. Please return the athletics singlets asap to Mr McDonald or Mr Henderson.

Students who made Districts are as follows:

Georgia S , Narnia B , Bella N , Harlow B , Zara H , Shyla M , Jessica R , Mania T , Anahera T , Katie C , Joshua A , Ryan F , Ethan B , Brodie F , Joshua S , Cooper P , Mochen G



Congratulations to Louis H who scored himself the position of Keeper (back in May) for the Brisbane U11 Hockey Team 3, a step up from last year.

On the 7th August he proudly donned the shirt and gave every shot on goal his best moves. His Team gelled brilliantly and played their socks off whilst having lots of fun and putting all their skills to the test against Teams from up and down the Coast as well as off to the west with Ipswich and Toowoomba.

Brisbane 3's did brilliantly! They topped their pool, but overall gained silver position, only missing out on the top spot in their division on goal difference. Having played 4 games unbeaten, conceding only one goal.



CONTACT: Mr Paul Henderson, PE Teacher

Guidance Officer News



Families are reminded that there is support available to students whose school attendance has dropped or remains a barrier to engagement at school.

If your child is absent one day per week, this quickly adds up to two months of missed school in a year.

Every day counts is an initiative aiming to improve attendance at school. The initiative promotes four key messages:

- all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day
- schools monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance
- truancy can place a student in unsafe situations and impact on their future employability and life choices
- attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community.

Find out more about the Every day counts initiative from Education Queensland, or contact me at the school office.

CONTACT: Mrs Ellie Goodwin, Guidance Officer

P&C Association News

Spell-a-thon

Our popular Spell-a-thon is in full swing and some great fundraising has been happening! Set up your profile page now at www.myprofilepage.com.au. Please see attached for the word lists, and everything you need to know about fundraising.



Grandparents Morning Tea



Thank you Jenna Harding, volunteers, and those that baked and donated morning tea for the lovely grandparents in our school community! The morning was a great success.

"It was a wonderful day and much appreciated by us grandparents."

"Great event!"

"Thank you so much for a wonderful morning."

"Morning tea yesterday was just fantastic. The P&C and volunteers did a fantastic job."

Trivia Night 27 August

A reminder for Team Captains to please pay by 18 August and email your Team Name to fundraising@mcdowallsspc.org.au.

This is a licensed event. No BYO alcohol. Cash/EFT available.

Can you help? We still need a couple of bar assistants. No experience or RSA required! If you've got large trestle tables available, please also email Liz at the above email address.

Sandra Davis is making a comeback tour as the ultimate Boganess! Get your uggies and flannos out guys and girls, this night will be a cracker!



TRIVIA NIGHT 27th AUG

Father's Day Stall - 1st September



We have a great range of gifts lined up for our Father's Day stall on Thursday 1 September. The format will be similar to Mother's Day, with children coming through with their class during the day. Please try and bring a bag. See attached for more information and a sneak peek at some of the goodies!

Can you help? We need help packing and pricing on 25th and 31st August, as well as help on the stall on 1st September. Details and sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/BAVKShE>

Uniform Shop Help Needed

The Uniform shop is looking for a volunteer who is available on a Thursday Morning 7:45am – 9am. We're looking for someone who can help one Thursday a month for the remainder of the year on the following dates 8th September, 20th October & 17th November. If you can help, please contact Karen 07 3872 5364 or uniformshop@mcdowallsspc.org.au

Spring Colour Run - 11th September

Save the date for a fun morning of colour at our Spring Colour Run! 10am on Sunday 11 September. Games and obstacles! Food available for purchase! Only \$5 per person. Adults, kids, friends and family welcome. Tickets on Flexischools soon!



P&C Meeting – Monday 22nd August

Please join us at 7pm at OSHC or on Teams!



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