



# Tartan Times

**McDowall State School**  
An Independent Public School since 2013

*Achieving better outcomes for all students*

NEWSLETTER

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## Year 4 Picasso Art Show!

Year 4 students proudly showed off their exceptional artworks this week, at the Annual Picasso Art Show. Well done for whole-heartedly producing some truly striking and original pieces of art. Thank you also to the many parents, grandparents, siblings and friends who joined us for some tasty breakfast treats and of course, to admire the art!



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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 / skorts
- 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 / skorts
- White socks
- School hat

## What's Happening

24.05.23	Yr 4 Picasso Art Show P-6 National Simultaneous Story Time
25.05.23	Yr 5 Street Science Incursion
26.05.23	Yrs 4-6 Interschool Sport #4
31.05-21.06.23	P-6 Parent / Teacher Interviews
31.05.23	Choral Fanfare - Honours Choir (Brisbane SHS)
05-06.23	Yr 4 Junior Strings Workshop (Windsor SS)
05-08.06.23	Yrs 4-5 Northside Beginner Band Blitz
07.06.23	Yr 1 Bunyaville Excursion
14.06.23	Yr 6 Mathematics Olympiad Yr 1 Bunyaville Excursion
15.06.23	Yr 5 Intermediate Music Muster
19-22.06.23	Prep Vision Screening
19.06.23	Junior Art Assembly 8.30am Senior Art Assembly 9am
20.06.23	Casual Dress Day - Gold Coin Donation
21.06.23	Yrs 4-6 Athletics - Field Events + 800m
22.06.23	Yrs 3-4 Morning Melodies Matinee Yrs 5-6 Performing Arts Celebration Concert
23.06.23	P-6 Athletics Carnival - Track
17-26.07.23	P-6 Book Fair
19-20.07.23	Prep Trevena Glen Excursion
24.07.23	P&C Association General Meeting Yr 3 Ngutana-Lui Excursion Yr 6 Mathematics Olympiad
26.07.23	Yr 3 Ngutana-Lui Excursion
27.07.23	Yr 3 Ngutana-Lui Excursion
31.07-02.08.23	Yr 2 Bunyaville Excursion
07.08.23	School Council Meeting - 7pm

## Principal's Post

### Thank you!



It has been an absolute joy, filling in for Ms Stager as Principal at McDowall SS during the last few weeks. I have really enjoyed meeting the students, staff and families, and can honestly say that you can be very proud of your school. Thank you for making me feel so welcome during this time.

### Under 8's Day

This year we opened our gates on 19 May to celebrate Under 8's Day at McDowall SS. The theme for this event was, "Play - you, me, our communities". Prep students and their families along with local Early Childhood Centres joined in the fun and spent the morning learning through play. A variety of experiences and learning opportunities were available for parents and children to participate in, including painting, dancing, craft, games, and sensory play. We were lucky to also have Bunnings, the local police and defence force personnel attend and join in the fun.

A special thank you to Ms Wiseman for coordinating the day, and the early years teachers for facilitating the most engaging and playful learning opportunities. McDowall SS looks forward to continuing this tradition next year.



### Every day counts

- children achieve better when they attend school all day, every day
- going to school means getting a better chance at life
- school helps children build social and emotional skills such as communication
- teamwork and resilience
- going to school is a legal requirement

If your child does not want to go to school, contact our school for assistance and support.

<https://education.qld.gov.au/initiatives-and-strategies/initiatives/every-day-counts/for-parents-and-community>

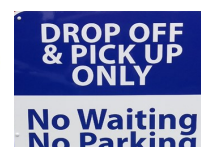


### Kiss & Ride Facility Times

**Only vehicles collecting P-2 students are to enter the Kiss-and-Ride Facility from 2.15pm-2.55pm.**  
**All other vehicles collecting Yrs 3-6 students are to enter the Kiss-and-Ride Facility after 2.55pm.**

- P-2 students will not arrive at the Kiss-and-Ride Facility before 2.40pm.
- Yrs 3-6 students will not arrive at the Kiss-and-Ride Facility before 3.05pm.
- Staff provide supervision of students waiting at the Kiss-and-Ride Facility from 2.40pm-3.30pm.

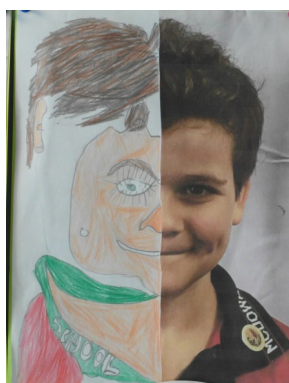
**It is neither considerate nor appropriate to arrive early, blocking the Kiss-and-Ride Lane, for an extended period of time, preventing other vehicular access.**





## Principal's Gallery

w/c 22nd May	PB1-PB2	Please enjoy a snapshot of art-work featured from <b>4E1</b>
w/c 29th May	6C4	
w/c 5th June	2O2	
w/c 12th June	2O1	



## Playgrounds



Please be advised playgrounds are **only** for the use of Outside School Hours Care students after school each day. Please vacate playgrounds to allow our OSHC staff and students to safely access the equipment. We appreciate your cooperation.

## Music News

### Presto Strings and Rode Band Shine at QYMA

The Presto Strings and Rode Band were very excited to perform in the Queensland Youth Music Awards over the last couple of weeks. It was fantastic to see our music students performing in such an impressive auditorium. Students competed against bands and ensembles from a number of private and state primary schools across Brisbane. In a hotly contested section the Presto Strings, conducted by Kathryn Payne, was awarded 'Gold' and second place overall. Not to be outdone, the Rode Band, conducted by Erin Gyte, was awarded 'Silver' and also gained second place overall.

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"A confident opening with good energy"

"A very decisive finish to a well rehearsed programme."



### Band Adjudicator – Qld Youth Music Awards

"Sound from the opening was balanced, refined and well blended."

"Gypsy Tale main theme was beautifully articulated, capturing the light, dance-like character of the piece. Very impressive use of the bow."

### String Adjudicator – Qld Youth Music Awards

Hearty congratulations to all of the students in the Rode Band, Presto Strings who have worked so hard this year. A big thank you to Mrs Gyte and Mrs Payne for their dedication and hard work in preparing the students for this competition. To all the Mums and Dads, a big thank you for supporting your child's musical development – it is very much appreciated.

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### Northside Region Junior Instrumental Music Workshops

A number of our instrumental music students will be attending regional workshops in the next couple of weeks. Year 4 strings students will be attending a two day workshop at Windsor State School on Monday 5 June and Tuesday 6th June and Year 4 band students will be attending a one day Band Blitz Workshop at The Old Museum Building on Wednesday 7th June.

The registration portal closed at 10:00am on Monday 22nd May. 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!

## Honours Instrumental Music Workshop Audition Process

A number of our Year 6 students have been invited to nominate and audition for the Senior Primary Schools' Instrumental Music Workshop to be held from Tuesday, 12 September, 2023 to Thursday, 14th September 2023 at Everton Park State High School, 668 Stafford Road, Everton Park. Places will be offered for woodwind, brass, string and percussion instruments who successfully fulfil the nomination and selection process. Auditions are well underway and will be sent through to the regional music co-ordinators for selection.

Workshop activities include performing in concert bands, string orchestra, stage band, symphony orchestra, combined choir as well as the opportunity to perform new and challenging music with other performers of a similar level. Guest tutors and conductors have been scheduled to work with students throughout the week. The workshop will conclude with a free concert for parents/carers on the final day of the workshop.

## Celebration Concerts

McDowall music students are busily preparing for our Semester 1 Celebration Concert Series which will be held on Thursday the 22nd June. Students will be presenting three mini concerts this year.

Concert	Time/Place	Groups Involved	Ticketing
Morning Melodies Concert	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 9:00am – 10:00am <b>School Hall</b>	Adagio Strings Metro Band & Mayer Band Year 3 Instrumental Music ensembles	Gold coin donation on entry
Evening Celebration Concert 1 - Strings	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 6:00pm – 6:45pm <b>School Hall</b>	Cantabile Strings Presto Strings Chamber Strings	\$5 per ticket Tickets purchased through <u>Flexischools</u> 4 x tickets per family.
Evening Celebration Concert 2 – Bands	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 7:00pm – 7:45pm <b>School Hall</b>	Keona Band Rode Band	\$5 per ticket Tickets purchased through <u>Flexischools</u> 4 x tickets per family.

## Choral Fanfare

McDowall State School's Honours Choir will be participating in Education Queensland's Choral Fanfare.

McDowall State School Honours Choir will perform on **Wednesday 31st May at Brisbane State High School**.

We wish the Honour's Choir all the very best for their performance.



CONTACT: Ms Vanessa Crowhurst, Head of Curriculum

## Guidance Officer News

We recently had the good fortune to host a Triple P Fear-Less positive parenting seminar for parents.

It was interesting to hear about how parents and teachers can set a good example, promoting resilience in children. I was particularly interested to hear that responding appropriately to children can help avoid accidentally rewarding anxious behaviours or encouraging avoidance. The seminar worked through with parents that:

- Communicating that it is OK to experience uncomfortable feelings
- Appropriately expressing their own feelings
- Encouraging flexible thinking
- Promoting brave, non-avoidant behaviours and the use of coping skills

can help children cope with anxious and difficult feelings.

Further information can be found at:



[www.triplep.net](http://www.triplep.net)

CONTACT: Mrs Ellie Goodwin, Guidance Officer

## P&C Association News

### Meet Our 2023 P&C Association Executive Committee!

#### President

**John Bradley**

Children: Oliver (year 6), Elijah (year 3)

Occupation: Local Real Estate Agent

Favourite thing to eat: Junk Food

Goals for the year: Continued school improvement

Special talent: 7th Dan Master of Tae-Kwon Do



#### Co-Vice President

**Bec Boreham**

Children: Oliver (year 2), Charlie (prep)

Occupation: HR Manager

Favourite thing to eat: Italian food

Goals for the year: to encourage new ideas and community involvement

Special talent: Self-proclaimed karaoke star



**Co-Vice President****Matt Thomsen**

Children: Estelle (year 3), Benjamin (prep)

Occupation: Medical Technology Sales Manager



Favourite thing to eat: a day on the smoker at home, enjoying sticky ribs with friends and family

Goals for the year: to get to know my school community and have plenty of fun along the way

Special talent: Self-confessed lawn fanatic

**Secretary**

Fiona Smith



Children: Henry (year 4), Sophie (year 6), Evelyn (year 8)

Occupation: Teacher Aide

Favourite thing to eat: hot chips

Goals for the year: to continue the good work the P&C does for the school

Special talent: remembering people's birthdays

**Treasurer**

Karen De Boni



Children: Emily (year 3), Annabel (daycare)

Occupation: Radiographer Team Leader

Favourite thing to eat: potatoes! In all shapes and flavours

Goals for the year: to promote involvement in the P&C and hold engaging and fun fundraising activities

Special talent: learning new languages

**Mother's Day Thank you**

Our Mother's Day Stall was a record success, thank you so much for choosing us for your special gifts this year! The smiles on the children's faces as they were thoughtfully making their selections was such a joy to see. We hope you enjoyed your special day.

**We Are Social!**

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

@McdowallStateSchoolPandC

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