



Malak Matters

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Season – Wurrobbwei – cold weather season

Good Afternoon,

Welcome back for Semester 2 2008. It is great to see all students have returned safely. They certainly seem excited and ready for new learning and experiences at school. We also welcome several new students and their families to the Malak School community.

The newsletter this week is simply to welcome you to the new semester and check in on a few issues. Please take the time to read our newsletter and be sure to contact the office should you have any questions or require any assistance.

There were several issues that I wanted to communicate with you so I have included some paragraphs below specific to these matters.

Professional Learning

On Monday all staff were involved in a series of professional learning workshops. The topics were 'Organizational Climate' and 'Individual Effectiveness'. As a teaching and learning organization we are committed to improvement and excellence. We examined several dimensions that can further promote a positive school climate for staff, students and the wider school community. We also spent time self-reflecting and exploring ways to generate improvement and greater individual effectiveness.

I very much appreciated the willingness of all staff to actively engage and participate in these workshops. It was a productive, yet at times challenging day that will certainly support our process of school improvement.

Please note that this Thursday is also a professional learning day. This is so that we can generate some continuity and application that commenced on Monday. This is our final professional learning day for 2008. Students are not to attend school on this day. Thanks for your support and understanding of the important work that the staff at Malak are doing.

Early Childhood Classrooms.

Over the course of the 4 week break major works were undertaken to install new air-conditioning units and duct work in the Early Childhood block. This area is where 1/2 Rigby, 1/2 Price, 2/3 Hamlyn and 2/3 Holmes are based. Unfortunately there have been several delays to construction and completion of this project. Teachers and

their students will all be back in their regular classrooms on Monday with the air-conditioning project to be completed over the course of the next few weeks. There will not be further disruptions to classes as any additional work will occur during weekends and when students are not on site.

School Grounds

Some work also took place on our school grounds over the break. The Malak School Council and staff are committed to ensuring that our grounds are well presented and that they support our teaching and learning programmes. The inner quadrangle of the school was recently top-dressed and we are trying very hard to encourage new lawn to grow. We have asked all students to assist in respecting the environment by staying off the newly seeded areas.

Thanks again for giving us the opportunity to teach your children. We trust you will work with us over the course of the semester to assist your child in maximising their potential.

Have a great week and an enjoyable long weekend. We look forward to students returning on Monday for a full week.

Paul Nyhuis
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday - 24 July
NO STUDENTS TO ATTEND SCHOOL
Professional Development Day for all Teachers and Staff

Fri – 25 July – Public Holiday Darwin Show Day

Malak School Council Meeting 5th August 2008
7:30pm in the Staffroom

Home work Centre will start on 29/7/08 Every Tues, Wed & Thurs 2:30 – 4:00pm

Breakfast Club has started. 7:15 – 7:45am
Volunteers greatly appreciated.

