



PARENT NEWS *Term 1, Week 2*

2017 P&C Meet and Greet 

 **Tuesday 7th February 2017**
6 pm - 7 pm

Come and say HELLO to the Malanda State High School Staff,
meet other parents and the P&C.

The P&C will have a sausage sizzle and (soft) drinks available.
In front of the Tuckshop at the alfresco eating area.

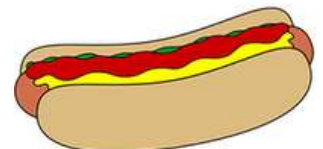
All year levels welcome!



Parents & Carers are invited to come along to the annual “Meet and Greet” next Tuesday evening and meet the teachers who are with your children each day. Say hello in an informal setting and enjoy a sausage sizzle with us.



Mayor Jo Paronella and Councillor Anthony Ball will be joining us and we have a past student who will tell her story about Malanda SHS. We look forward to meeting lots of parents and carers between 6 and 7 pm.





FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our School Council will be meeting tonight to finalise planning and strategic thinking for 2017. The council is very motivated to have our school reach out and connect with the community across a range of perspectives. In the near future our school will be challenging the community to become closer involved with student pathways and programs. This will certainly enrich our current work and hopefully benefit the school and the community with prospective skill development and employment opportunities. Watch this space and think of ways you could be part of our great school.



Next week we have our Meet & Greet evening. This will be an informal event with student and parents invited into the school to meet the teachers and have a chat about the year ahead. It is an opportunity to develop strong communication strategies and understand what your student might be doing in class for each subject. It is also a time for us all to welcome our new teachers to our school and township.



Unfortunately our school computer server has suffered some drastic damage this year. We have some serious rebuilding to complete. As a consequence the school will be without any computers, printers and internet from 11.30am on Thursday 9th February till 8.00am Monday 13th February. As you can imagine this is a major imposition to a business as large as this school. Our student work will only be affected on Thursday afternoon as I have asked for the majority of the work to be completed on Friday when the swimming carnival will be taking place. I ask that you be patient with our staff and particularly the office ladies over this period as we will have a vastly different approach to our work over this period.

Tenders are out for the work involved in building our new gym facility and the refurb of our library. This work will happen just before and extending into the Easter holidays. Our funding is for infrastructure only so we will be seeking revenue opportunities for the purchase of exercise machines and the technology we need to have a first class gym available for the school and potentially the community. If there is expertise and skill in grant writing in our parent group, I would really appreciate any volunteers and helpers with this work. Please give Kathi a call if possible.



I look forward to a big crowd at our Meet & Greet and plenty of supporters at our annual swimming carnival.

Regards
Gary Toshach

Principal

IMPORTANT LINKS

[School Website](#)

[School Facebook Page](#)

[Education Queensland](#)



ATTENDANCE AWARDS



2017 – TERM 1 – WEEK 1

Year 7

97.98%



FROM THE P&C

Volunteering

Our tuckshop is run by the P&C and depends on extra help from volunteers to assist Nat (our Tuckshop Convenor) and Monika (Tuckshop Assistant). That way we can keep our prices down, and make sure that students get their lunches and over-the-counter sales on time.

Our tuckshop is a great place to catch up with others and feel part of what's going on while contributing to the school. If you are able to help (even a small amount of your time), please come in and say hello. Most help is needed from 9am - 12pm or from 1pm -2pm.

Grandparents and other members of the community other than parents or guardians are welcome but need a Volunteer Blue Card which can be obtained for free through the school.

If you can't donate time, the tuckshop is happy to accept donations of goods like flour, rice and sugar. Fresh produce is also welcome.

Profit made at the tuckshop gets donated back to the school, benefitting all our students!



Meet and Greet

Will we see you on Tuesday next week at our 2017 Meet & Greet?

You're invited!

Uniform Sales

This is the last week for our uniform shop extended opening times:

Monday 30th January to Friday 3rd February – open 8.20 am to 9.00 am daily

Normal opening times resume from Monday 6th February, being Mondays and Fridays only from 8.20 am to 9.00 am. Eftpos available.

Swimming Carnival

The tuckshop would love some extra volunteers to help with cooking and serving at the Swimming Carnival on Friday 10th February. The P&C is also looking for donations of home baking (cakes, slices and biscuits) to serve on the day. More info and the special Swimming Carnival menu will be advertised in next week's Parent News.



Next P&C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 21st February at 7.15 pm. There will be more info in a later Parent News.

Volunteering makes an immeasurable difference in the lives of others. But did you know how much you help yourself by giving back?

From lowering stress to boosting self-confidence, volunteering offers many health benefits.

Why not consider helping out Malanda State High School Tuckshop or join the P&C?

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STUDENT ABSENCES – Things you need to know

From Monday 30 January parents and carers now have 4 ways to advise us of a student absence.

- SMS only to **0428649942** (This number is only for absences)
- Email to: absentees@malandashs.eq.edu.au
- Phone the office on 40967111
- QParents (for parents who use this service)

We trust you will utilise one of the above methods to advise us of a student absence in advance of the school day starting.

We have also now commenced a same day automated SMS message service to advise parents & carers when their student is absent from school without authorisation. The automated service will not send a message when we have received prior notice and reason for the absence.

This is a new legal requirement for state schools from 2017 and whilst we do not expect there will be any issues around this new process for students and staff we do ask that parents do not panic if they receive a message advising of an absence in the first few days and ask that you contact the school immediately so we can clarify the student absence and iron out any teething issues.

We are aware of some families who may reside in an area where mobile service is unavailable or very limited. Please advise the school office by telephone or email if this is the case for your family so that we can arrange to advise you of an unauthorised absence on the same day by email.

Please remember absences should be advised of in advance where possible using one of the methods above.

FROM THE OFFICE

- Families have now been emailed the invoice/s for the Student Resource Scheme. Do remember that if this account is paid in full by 28 February a \$30 discount will be applied to your invoice. The Student Resource Scheme form (attached) **must** be returned to the school office if you intend to be a part of this scheme. Thank you to those families who have already paid.
- Students in years 7, 8 10 and 11 will have received information around swimming lessons and also advising of the cost involved. Payment is required prior to attending lessons. If payment is not made your student may not be able to attend.
- Information around School Photos will be sent home early next week. Please ensure these are returned to the office promptly.





Department of Education, Training and Employment

Every day counts

MOST STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY

It's important that children are at school all day, every day

OK reasons to stay home from school

- sick
- natural disasters

It's **NOT OK** to skip school to shop, sleep in, finish an assignment, go on holidays

EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS

Missing even 1 day can make a difference

1 day off school each fortnight = Missing more than a year of learning over 12 years

Each day's learning builds on what has been learnt before

Good attendance begins in Prep. It's where good habits begin

ATTEND ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

Each 1% increase in student attendance may relate to 2-3 NAPLAN scale score points

What parents can do:

- Promote the importance of school
- Get to know the teacher
- Go to school events
- Read the school newsletter
- Be organised at home
- Supervise homework
- Ask about your child's day
- Volunteer to help at school

Get involved in your child's school

For more information Go to the [Every day counts](http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/) website: <http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/>

Great state. Great opportunity.

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IMPORTANT DATES

31 January	School Council Meeting
7 February 2017	Meet & Greet – Parents & Staff BBQ
10 February	Inter House Swim Carnival
1 – 3 February	Year 12 Camp
14 February	Immunisation Clinic 1 – Yr 7
14 February	Student Council Valentine's Day Roses Sale
16 February	Leaders Induction Ceremony
20 February	School Photo's
21 February	P&C Meeting
31 March	Inter House Cross Country
1 April	Easter Holidays commence
18 April	Term 2 commences
18 April	Immunisation Clinic 2 – Yr 7
18 April	P&C Meeting
22 August	Immunisation Clinic 3 – Yr 7



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