



Mackellar Primary School is recognised by the Alannah and Madeline Foundation as a Better Buddies showcase school due to our successful integration of the Better Buddies Program. The program delivers positive anti-bullying and anti-violence messages and assists Mackellar Primary School in maintaining a caring culture where older students look after younger students. Our Wellbeing Team plan a Better Buddies yearly overview as a preventative program and whole school approach to promoting pro-social skills, positive student relationships and community connectedness.

Supported by our implementation of the KidsMatter Primary Framework for mental health and wellbeing, Better Buddies reflects our school values, as well as our commitment to being one of Victoria's lead schools for Respectful Relationships Education. Better Buddies is also aligned with wellbeing programs at Mackellar Primary School such as Student Leadership, Peer Mediators, Transition, The Resilience Project and the eSmart Schools Curriculum, to ensure safe and responsible use of information and communications technology is a cultural norm at Mackellar Primary School.

Key Better Buddy events at MPS are:

Better Buddies Altona Beach Excursion
Better Buddies Games Day
Book Week and Buddies Celebration
Wear Purple to School Day and Fundraiser
Better Buddies Walkathon
Better Buddies Lunches, and
Carnevale – our community biannual school fete.



Throughout the year, buddy grades also enjoy regular luncheons and engaging learning sessions across many areas of the curriculum.

This year, we raised money for The Alannah and Madeline Foundations Buddy Care Bags, which assist families in times of crisis. The Buddy Bags help to make children feel safer and more secure during difficult times.

<https://www.amf.org.au/what-we-do/buddy-bags/>

Please click on the following links for more information about Better Buddies:

<https://www.amf.org.au/what-we-do/better-buddies/>

<https://www.betterbuddies.org.au/bb-parents/benefits-to-your-child.php>

