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### IMPORTANT DATES Term 1

Wednesdays throughout February  
– No Prep Students at School

Monday 13th of February– School  
Council Nominations Open

Monday 20th February– School  
Council nominations Close

Wednesdays 22nd Feb– to 8th of  
March- Volleyball Clinics at school

Tuesday 21st February–  
Community Welcome Back BBQ–  
5.30 to 6.30pm

Monday 13th March– Labour Day  
Public Holiday

Wednesday 15th to Monday 27th  
March– NAPLAN Years 3 & 5

Monday 3rd April-Cross Country–  
11.30 to 1.30

Thursday 6th April– Last Day of  
Term 1– 2.30 Finish time



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# Malmsbury Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2—Friday 10th February 2023

## Womin-dji-ka | Welcome

It has been fantastic to walk around the rooms over the past week and see engagement in learning across all rooms. The students have really hit the ground running and are putting in a great effort towards their learning.

I am looking forward to some upcoming events at school over this term, the first of which is a welcome back BBQ for our community and also getting the community groups program up and running. I am trying to put a real focus on getting the community back in the school throughout the year so stay tuned for some more ways that you can be involved in the learning at Malmsbury Primary School.

### Community Welcome Back BBQ – Tuesday 21st of February:

This will be a great opportunity to welcome everyone back to the new school year. We will be running a gold coin donation BBQ. We will be holding open classrooms from 5.30 to 6pm so you can come in and investigate your child's classroom. The BBQ will be served from 6 to 6.30pm. Please feel free to bring along your picnic rug, chair and other nibbles. It would be great to see as many families coming along just to enjoy a sausage in bread or veggie burger and each other's company.

### Tutor Learning Initiative:

Over the past two weeks, Siobhan has been busily working behind the scenes setting up our Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI) program for 2023. The TLI program is designed around providing 1:1 or small group tutoring one or two times a week for students whose growth in Literacy or Numeracy has been impacted by the effects of Covid and Remote Learning. This week, parents of students who have been identified for some extra support from Siobhan this term will receive a letter outlining the program and how it will operate. This program is reviewed each term and we look to provide this support to as many students as we can throughout the year.

### Community Groups:

I am very keen to get the Community Groups Program up and running again this term. For those of you who are unaware of the program, this is where we invite community members to share their expertise in an area of interest with small groups of students in the last hour each Wednesday. In previous years there have been groups such as; Craft, Ramblers Science, Coding, Sports, Gardening, Boardgames, Building, Extension Art and more. Once we know what options will be on offer, students select an area to participate in and they are all yours to share your expertise with.

Thank you to the couple of parents that have discussed their interest in running some great programs around cooking/healthy eating, and gardening. I would still love to hear from any other parents who have an activity that they would like to run.

If this is something that you are keen to provide to the school and you are available on Wednesday afternoons from 2.30 to 3.30, please make contact with me so that we can get the ball rolling on this great community event. I am hoping that we can begin the Community Groups in Week 4, Wednesday the 22nd of February.

### Garden Working Bee– Sunday the 5th of March:

A couple of our wonderful parents, Amy Doran and Amy Watson have been discussing with me the possibility of getting into our various garden beds and giving them a big clean up and refurbish for the start of the year. To help out with this, a working bee is being organised for Sunday the 5th of March. Over the next week, Amy and Amy will be organising a list of jobs for the working bee, so stay tuned for next week's newsletter for more information. A great big thanks to Amy Doran and Amy Watson for supporting and running this for us.

### Building Works and our Play Area:

After trialling a couple of different systems for playtimes and effective yard supervision, we have made an adjustment to our current play area for students while the Amenities Block Build is under construction. To help ensure effective yard supervision, we have blocked off student yard play across the front part of the school. This means that students are playing from the basketball court, across the back area of the school and around to the sandpit. Students are still able to easily access the toilets and main building during playtimes. This system has helped to ensure that there are no delays in seeking the support of yard duty teachers.

**School Assemblies:**

It has been great to see more of our parent base at our Friday Assemblies and I look forward to seeing this build as time rolls on.

Our assembly begins at 3.10pm on the Blue Area at the front of the Music Room. Please feel free to come along and see all great work that students present and celebrate, hear about the sports achievements, join in the birthday wishes and sing along with our school chant. It would be great to see you all at our assemblies each Friday. If there is poor weather, we will hold the Assembly in the middle area of the main classroom building and you are still more than welcome to join us there.

**Lunch Orders:**

Friday Lunch Orders are back up and running again. You can either pick up a lunch order form from the office or just place your order directly at the bakery. Lunch orders need to be in to the school by Wednesday afternoons to allow time for the bakery to cater to all orders by Friday. Thanks again to Katherine and the bakery team for their support in providing this service for our school.

**Breakfast Club– Looking for Community Volunteers Term 1:**

It was great to see Breakfast Club up and running again on Thursday. Thanks to Gina and Lou for your work in running the morning session and I know that the kids really appreciate you providing your time for them as well. If you are interested in supporting the Breakfast Club on Wednesday and Thursday in term 1, your support will be greatly appreciated. The following link is to the roster for the first term. Please feel free to add your name to one of the days/dates that best suits.

[Term 1 Breakfast Club Volunteer Roster](#)

**Sentral Parent Portal Replacing Konnective :**

This week we have been trialling the system for connecting to our new Sentral Parent Portal and working out any possible bugs in getting the service up and running. Next week you will receive a letter and email from us that will provide you with information around downloading the Sentral App along with a letter providing your Family Access Key, which will allow you connect to our Sentral System via the Sentral website or Mobile App. This letter will also provide precise instructions on how to download and connect to the system.

**Second Hand Uniform Shop:**

The wonderful Bobbi will once again be running the Second-hand Uniform Shop every Wednesday from 3.15pm to 3.45pm. The cost is \$5 per item, so a great bargain is to be had.

I would also like to say a big thanks to those families that have dropped of a range of old uniforms to help supply the stall. Your donations are greatly appreciated. If you have any old or spare uniform that is still in good condition that you would be happy to donate to the stock, please feel free to drop this into the office. Any donations are most welcome.

**Andy Rigby– Private Instrumental Lessons:**

In last week's newsletter, I had put in the incorrect phone number for Andy, my apologies to all and to the person who may have got some unwanted calls. His correct number is below.

Andy will be coming in on Mondays this year to teach piano and guitar. If you are interested in Andy's expertise for your child, please give him a call on 0400 865 229 to organise lessons.

**WGAC:**

It's that time again - get your Who Gives a Crap orders in!!

Team Malmsbury is once again excited to offer Who Gives A Crap orders for all your toilet paper, tissue and paper towel needs. The more we order, the greater the benefit for our school - so get your family and friends on board! Please see the attached order form at the bottom of this newsletter.

Please get your orders and payment to the office by Friday 24th of February. Community members can also pick up a paper order form from the school, bakery, Lucky7, or email the electronic form back to

[weareteammalmsbury@gmail.com](mailto:weareteammalmsbury@gmail.com)

***Have a safe and happy weekend everyone and thank you for your continued support.***

Travis Pool, Principal

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# SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

For 2023, school council elections must be completed by March 31st.

School Council members are elected to serve for a period of 2 years. This year we have the following members whose 2 year tenure is coming to a close:

Parent Members	DET Members	Community Members
Paul Chapman	Nil	Katherine Allen
Veronika Sultana		Chris Bromely
Mark James		
Asha Hudson		

This means that there will be a call for nominations for 4 positions to be filled for the next 2 years (Community Members are appointed through a different system). Vacating councillors are more than welcome to nominate for the positions again. If there are more nominations than vacant positions, we will then work through a voting process to appoint people to the positions.

Election Timeline for 2023

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023** - Notice of election and call for nominations (forms will be available from the office)

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023**- Closing date for nominations

**Wednesday 22<sup>th</sup> February 2023** - The date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023** - The date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 2023** – Special first council meeting to appoint Community Members (the principal will preside) with existing members.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023** - Close of ballot

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023** - Vote Count

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023** – Declaration of poll

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023**– First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside) with new school council members.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any more information about the process.

## Classroom Items

### Grade Prep/1-

This week, the Prep/Ones spent time getting to know their buddies, whom they met briefly last year. We enjoyed our big buddy reading to us, and then we drew each other, making sure we included specific features of our buddy. We didn't quite get them finished, but once we have, we will display them in the middle space.



### Grade 2/3-

This week the grade 2/3 class have been working on our teamwork and problem-solving skills. On Monday afternoon, the students worked together in groups to save Fred who had capsized his boat. The children needed to brainstorm ideas and think outside the box, working together as a team to save Fred and get him to safety. A lot of fun was had by all!



### Grade 3/4-

In Grade 3/4 this week we have been focusing on strategies to solve words. We have been particularly looking at identifying different sounds within a word to help us solve what the rest of the word should be. We have also learnt that 2 letters that make 1 sound are called a digraph.

### Grade 5/6:

The grade 5/6 Classroom have been using 'Mentor Texts' or Picture Storybooks to help guide their writing ideas. Having great ideas in writing is about having 1 clear idea to write about and then elaborating on the details as the story progresses. On the next page is an example of writing from Sully that was created using a Mentor Text.

## The book.



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I stepped into the library a wave of cold air hit my body it was quiet, relaxing. I went find what I was looking for going past all of the genres and rows of books that seemed to be endless. It also felt a little overwhelming. I went straight to where they should be I ran up to the librarian asking if she knew where it was but they didn't give me an answer. She just walked over to a mysterious place I never had

seen before, I followed them in. The books they were alive, running around freely, flying even. The librarian pulled out a catching net then frantically tried to catch it. When they eventually got it, I then woke up. It was a dream, but the book was in my hand. So was it really?



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# CROSS COUNTRY 2023

The Malmsbury PS House Cross Country is approaching, a wonderful whole school event we all look forward to each year.

This year the event will be held on Monday April 3rd, the last week of term 1. We will be running at the Malmsbury Cricket Ground using the same track as previous years. The event will run between 11:30-1:30 with lunch and games to follow.

Prep, grade 1 and grade 2 students will participate in a Fun Run around the oval. 9 and 10 year old students will run a 2km track and 11 and 12 year old students will run a 3 km track. This age grouping is based on the age they turn by the end of 2023.

We will be doing some training at school over the next few weeks. It would be beneficial to try and get a bit of running in at home, too. Remember, long distance is all about pacing yourself, it's not a sprint!

More information will follow, but if you think you'd be available to support this event and stand at a checkpoint, please let me know via email, we need lots of support to make this event happen. I can be reached at [erin.rose@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:erin.rose@education.vic.gov.au)

Happy running!





## Malmsbury Primary School WGAC order form



Team Malmsbury is excited to offer Who Gives a Crap products for sale to the community at a discounted rate. The more we order the greater the percentage that goes to our school.



### Premium bamboo TP

Sustainably made from 100% bamboo. 3-ply, 370 sheets per roll, cartons of 48 rolls, 6 different black & white patterns.



### Classic 100% recycled TP

Made with 100% recycled paper, no inks, dyes or scents. 3-ply, 400 sheets per roll, cartons of 24 & 48 rolls, six different colourful designs.



### Bamboo blend paper towels

Super strong, made from a blend of environmentally-sustainable bamboo & sugarcane. 2-ply, no inks, dyes or scents, cartons of 6 rolls.



### 100% bamboo tissues

Soft on the nose, and strong as an ox! Even the strongest of sneezes don't break through our bamboo tissues. 3-ply, no inks, dyes or scents, cartons of 12 boxes.



### Dream Cloth

3 reusable dream cloths, 17 x 20 cm. Made from 70% FSC certified cellulose and 30% repurposed cotton. Biodegradable & compostable. Dishwasher and machine washable.

**Please submit this form and payment to the school office by Friday, 24th February. You will be notified when they arrive at the school 2-3 weeks later.** Payments can be made with cash or EFT: Bank Australia\_RSB: 313-140 Acc No.: 12074523 Reference: Surname-WGAC.

### ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid by cash  Paid by EFT

Product by the carton	RRP	Discounted price	Qty	Subtotal
Premium 100% Bamboo Toilet Paper (48 rolls)	\$66.00	\$62.00		
Classic 100% Recycled Toilet Paper (48 rolls)	\$60.00	\$57.00		
Classic 100% Recycled Toilet Paper (24 rolls)	\$38.00	\$35.50		
Forest Friendly Tissues (12 boxes)	\$26.00	\$24.00		
Forest Friendly Kitchen Paper Towel (6 rolls)	\$20.00	\$18.50		
Dream Cloths (set of 3 cloths)	\$12.00	\$11.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>				