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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 6th to Friday 10th March–
Parent Teacher Get to Know You
Interviews

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 3—Friday 17th February 2023

Womin-dji-ka | Welcome

We are now starting to get into the thick of it with teaching and learning across the grades. It has been wonderful to see all the fantastic efforts students are putting in across the week.

We have been developing a strong focus on the teaching of writing which is one of our key focus areas for the year. Teachers have been learning more about the teaching of writing and how to target specific students needs. It has been wonderful to look at how students are responding to this work and producing some great writing pieces.

We also have a couple of key community events occurring over the next week. First up in the Malmsbury Farmers Market this Sunday. I am also looking forward to catching up with many of you at our Welcome Back BBQ for our community this Tuesday the 21st. It would be great to see as many people in the school as possible.

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. Rainer will also be popping by to catch up with everyone and help us give him a nice farewell.

Community Groups:

It has been a bit of a slow start to the Community Groups Program for Term 1. I would like to say thank you to the couple of parents that have discussed their interest in running some great programs around cooking/healthy eating, and gardening. I was hoping to have this start next Wednesday but we are still looking for a few more people who can volunteer their time for an hour on Wednesdays to make this a viable option this term.

If this is something that you are able to provide support the school with and you are available on Wednesday afternoons from 2.30 to 3.30 for approximately 4 weeks, please make contact with me so that we can get the ball rolling on this great community event.

I have pushed the start date back one week and we're now hoping that we can begin the Community Groups in Week 5, Wednesday the 1st of March.

Andy Rigby– Private Instrumental Lessons:

Andy begun his private instrumental lessons on Monday and it was great to hear various piano tunes coming from the Music room. Andy does have very limited spots left. If you are interested in Andy's expertise for your child, please give him a call on 0400 865 229 to organise lessons.

Building Works:

I am glad to say that I have had communication from the builders around the starting date for the works on the new amenities block. Demolition of the current toilet block will take place next Saturday the 25th of February. Over the next week, the temporary toilets will be set up, ready for use after the demolition of the old toilet block. It will be great to see the project unfold over the next few months.

Lunch Orders:

Just a reminder that all lunch orders are due into the Bakery by the close of business on Wednesday. If you are handing your lunch order in to school, it would be great if this can be handed into the office by the end of each Tuesday. This will enable us to get the orders down to the Bakery on Wednesday mornings. Any orders that come into school on Wednesday afternoons will be pushed back to the following week's orders as we cannot guarantee we are able to drop them off in time. If you are placing your order directly with the Bakery, please ensure it is in by Wednesday. Any late lunch orders won't be accepted.

Students With Mobile Phones at School:

A reminder that if your child is bringing their mobile phone to school, please remind them to drop the phone off at the office each morning before entering the classroom. We are able to provide a safe, secure and distraction free area to keep the phones. during the day.

Get to Know You Parent Teacher Interviews:

We will be holding our initial parent teacher– Get to know you– interviews between Monday the 6th through to Friday the 10th of March. I will be setting up the booking system next week and will inform you all when it is ready to accept bookings. All interview times will be after school with places from 3.45 through to 5pm.

Election of School Captains, House Captains, and Junior School Council:

Over the next week, we will be finalising our School and House Captains for 2023 along with our Student Representative Council. I have worked with the Grade 5/6 students today where we discussed the process for electing our School and House Captains and the focus of writing their speeches. We have planned to hold the speeches next Wednesday the 22nd of February at 2.30pm. You are all more than welcome to come along and listen in to the speeches.

Working Bee:

A reminder that there will be a Working Bee at school on Sunday the 5th of March to support a tidy up of the garden beds and some other areas of the school grounds. Thanks again to Amy Doran and Amy Watson for getting this up and running. We are still putting together a list of jobs to get done, but if you are able to help out with any gardening jobs on the day, we would love to see you there.

Breakfast Club– Looking for Community Volunteers Term 1:

We are still in need of volunteers to help run our School Breakfast Club on Wednesday mornings 8.30 to 9.00am. We do have one volunteer for Wednesdays, but would love to see a couple of more people able to help out. Jan will be able to provide support in showing how the program runs. If you are able to lend a hand on Wednesday mornings, even if it is only every now and again, 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 :

Today the oldest student in the family will have an invitation letter for parents to register with our Sentral Parent Portal. Also attached to this invitation is a set of instructions on how to download and sign into the Sentral App on your smart phones. You can access the Sentral Parent Portal from both your computer and phone App using the Family Access Key provided on the invitation. It should be reasonably simple to register with the Schools Parent Portal, but if you do have any difficulty, please drop in and see me to help get things going. Over the next few weeks we will make the transition to all our communication running through the Sentral Parent Portal from the Konnective App. I will make you aware when Konnective will no longer be used.

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.

Malmsbury Farmers Market:

This Sunday the 19th of February the school will once again be holding a stall at the Malmsbury Farmers Market. The stall will be running from 9am - 1pm. Feel free to drop in and help out if you can.

We are in some dire need of some homemade baked items to sell at the market. It would be wonderful if you are able to provide any items to sell at the market. If this is something that you are able to support with, you can drop them into school before the weekend or alternatively you can bring them to the stall on Sunday.

A reminder that home baked goods must have a list of ingredients with them.

Drink bottles:

This is a gentle reminder from Erin that it would be great if all students bring their own named drink bottle to school every day. This is especially important on PE days as we keep them all in a tub beside the lesson to avoid trips to the drink taps which take away valuable lesson time. It's also extra important at the moment when we experience these really hot days!

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

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 13th February 2023 - Notice of election and call for nominations (forms will be available from the office)

Monday 20th February 2023- Closing date for nominations

Wednesday 22nd February 2023 - The date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted

Monday 27th February 2023 - The date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed

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

Monday 6th March 2023 - Close of ballot

Tuesday 7th March 2023 - Vote Count

Wednesday 8th March 2023 – Declaration of poll

Tuesday 28th 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 in the Prep/One room we have started looking at the sounds that letters make. We are very clever Turtles, so we use correct vocabulary to describe what we are learning. We are learning to match the phonemes (sound) to the graphemes (letter shape). This week we have studied the phonemes 's, a, t, p, i, and n', so if you hear your loved one saying "s, s, s, sun" Woohoo!!! We will start to put these sounds together to work out simple words!

Fun Fact: Apparently, there are 106 words that can be made using these 6 sounds!



Grade 2/3-

This week in the grade 2/3 classroom we have been developing our mental maths skills. We have been learning how to partition numbers, to assist with making maths problems easier. Partitioning helps to break down large numbers, by separating them into smaller more manageable units. The children have been engaged in hands on materials, challenging their minds and collaborating as classroom.

Grade 3/4-

In Grade 3/4 this week, we have been learning about simple, compound and complex sentences and what each variety needs. We have learnt that a sentence requires a subject and a verb and a compound sentences also requires a conjunction. We have also been focusing on what a clause is and how to separate clauses within a sentence.

OSHC:

Aurora, Viv and Sidney are busy creating a new hopscotch path and join up with Arlo, Kaddi, and Umi for a tent city.



Everyone was overflowing with creativity and happy to collaborate and build on each other's ideas.



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

Happy running!