Malmsbury Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 7—Friday 17th March 2023

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IMPORTANT DATES Term 1

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

Tuesday 28th March- School Council Meeting– 6.30pm

Thursday 30th March– Hot Cross Bun Drive, orders due to school.

Monday 3rd April-Cross Country– 11.30 to 1.30

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

Friday 7th April– Good Friday

IMPORTANT DATES Term 2

Term 2 begins - Monday 24th April

Tuesday 25th April– ANZAC Day and public holiday

Thursday 27th April - District Cross Country - Hanging Rock

Monday 1st May to 3rd May– Grade 5/6 Camp to Aireys Inlet

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Womin-dji-ka | Welcome

It has been a short week, but filled with lots of great things happening across the school. This week saw the return of Community Groups for their second session, the beginning of NAPLAN assessments, the final Volleyball Clinic and a range of great learning experiences across the classrooms.

Next week looks to be a little less busy but with great learning tasks planned across the classrooms. I enjoy wandering though classrooms regularly and working with the students at different times. I am always amazed by the knowledge our students have and the willingness to take on challenging tasks. I look forward to what the next week will bring for us.

Malmsbury Primary Junior School Council:
Today we had our first focused Junior School Council meeting. There are a couple of fundraising opportunities that the JSC is going to run, the first being a collaboration with the Malmsbury Bakery to run a Hot Cross Bun Drive. The order form is attached to this newsletter to order your delicious Hot Cross Buns. Cost will be $15 for a half dozen, with $5 from each order being donated back to the school to support the JSC's fundraising efforts. A big thank you to one of our parents, Lili, who communicated with the bakery, and also to the wonderful people at the Malmsbury Bakery for once again showing great support for our school and students.

NAPLAN– March 15th to 27th:
The students in year 3 and 5 have done a fantastic job in their participation with the NAPLAN assessments over the past 3 days. So far they have completed the Writing, Reading, and Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) assessments. Monday will bring the final assessment, Numeracy. I am very proud of the way the students have engaged with the assessment process and enjoying it all at the same time.

Isabella Bates– Legacy Centenary Torch Bearer:
As you would have seen on our School Facebook Page, one of our MPS alumni, Isabella has been selected as one of the Legacy Centenary Torch Bearers for 2023. Such a great honour for a wonderful person. If you would like to support Isabella in her fundraising efforts, please follow the link below.
https://www.legsforlegacy.com.au/s/1261/1262

Sentral Parent Portal Replacing Konnective:
I am hoping that we will be able to make the complete switch to our new Sentral Parent Portal from the Konnective App by the end of March. If you need a new set of instructions to register to the Sentral Parent Portal, please contact the office.
Sentral Attendance– This Monday, we will be starting a new process after marking the rolls in each classroom. If your child is away and you haven't informed the school of the absence, you will receive a text message and a notification in the Sentral App letting you know your child has an 'unexplained absence'. If you receive one of these messages, you can reply to the text message with an explanation. You can also access and give an explanation through the Absence section of the Sentral App.
We will be sending out these messages just after 9.15am. You will only receive a notification if your child is absent without having informed the school.

Contact Details:
This week, Jan prepared documents for each family that listed the current contact details that we have for your family. Please scan through this document and take note of any details that may need to be changed, such as phone numbers, email addresses, residential addresses and parent occupations, etc. Make any necessary changes on the document and return it to the office. Jan will be working hard over the next couple of weeks to update this information on our system.

Hair:
This week we have had a couple of reports of head lice in the school. All cases have been treated regularly in accordance with our school policy. As part of a preventative measure, it would be great if students with shoulder length or longer hair could be tied back to help prevent any transfer of head lice from student to student.

Grade 5/6 School Camp – Angahook Holiday Camp, Aireys Inlet:
On Thursday this week, a camp note was sent home to grade 5/6 students outlining this year's camp to Aireys Inlet from Monday May 1st to Wednesday May 3rd. This is set to be a wonderful adventure style camp for students. Please return the bottom section of the note to let us know if your child will be attending. We are also looking for one parent helper for the camp. If you are interested, please also fill out the parent helper section of the note and return it to school.

Cross Country update:
Thank you to those parents who have made contact with Erin to volunteer your time to help out on some of the Marshalling Stations. We are still after a few more helpers if possible so please let Erin know if you are able to come along on Monday April 3rd from 11:30-1:30.

Once the Cross Country event is over, students will be enjoying their lunchbreak at the Malmsbury Cricket Ground and then participating in an afternoon of tabloid sports run by the House Captains from 2:15-3:15.

We are then asking for students to be collected from the oval at 3:30 rather than the school grounds that day.
Students attending OSH will be walked back up to school by teachers and Pauline. Students will need to be marked off by their classroom teacher before being dismissed. We will ask that students being collected by someone other than their own parents/carers will have this communicated with the student's classroom teacher prior to the day.

Due to the current works at school and many access restraints, it is very difficult to train safely at school. Erin is encouraging all families to try and get some training in at home after school or on weekends. This will definitely help kids with their stamina for the event.

Easter Raffle:
This coming week we will be getting our Easter Raffle up and running. Early next week, you will receive raffle tickets to sell for our Easter Raffle. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term, Thursday the 6th of April at our final assembly.
What we would like from our parent community is any donations to build up our raffle prizes. We will have a box in the office from next Monday where you can leave any donations for the raffle prizes.

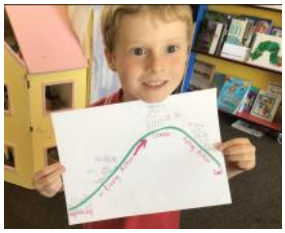
Have a safe and happy weekend everyone and thank you for your continued support.
Travis Pool, Principal
Travis.Pool@education.vic.gov.au

Around the Classrooms

Prep/1:
We have been extremely busy in the Prep/One room, gaining new knowledge and practising skills we have already learnt. Have a look at what we did learnt this week.

We have used a 'Plot Planner' to identify the important parts of a story, the what we like to call, the 'uh-ho' and 'phew' moments! This understanding will help us to become great writers and possible future published authors!

Don't be surprised if you hear your child quoting 'uh-ho' as the suspense starts to build in a story you read them and then a 'phew' when the issue is solved.



Grade 2/3:
This week in the grade 2/3 classroom, we have been developing important ideas for our narrative writing. We have created a writing station to provide students with opportunities to expand their narrative ideas. As a class we created a narrative story and have been editing and expanding our ideas to make our writing more interesting for our chosen audience. This has been a lot of fun, working together as class and developing those inclusive skills within a group structure.

The Importance of Sleep

Dear families,
While we know sleep is essential for good health, research shows that many children and young people are not getting enough sleep on school nights. This can affect thinking, concentration, memory, reaction times and mood. This is something that we have noticed in some of our students over the past couple of weeks and is effecting their ability to engage well in learning tasks.

Research shows about 12% of primary school-aged children, a quarter of 12- to 15-year-olds and half of 16- to 17-year-olds don't get enough sleep on school nights. The recommended amount of time to sleep for primary school-aged children is 9 to 11 hours. For teenagers, it's 8 to 10 hours.

Signs that your child is not getting enough sleep can include:

- low mood and irritability during social interactions
- reluctance or arguing about getting off devices and going to bed
- falling asleep during the day
- difficulties waking up for school and sleeping in late on weekends to catch up
- changes to communicating or interacting at home.

You can help your child to improve their sleep by:

- establishing a regular sleep pattern and consistent bedtime routine
- supporting them to avoid using electronic devices such as smartphones before going to bed and in bed
- encouraging your child to exercise and spend time outside in day-light, steering clear of vigorous activity in the hour before sleep
- encouraging them to wind down and relax before going to bed.

If your child is still having trouble sleeping, has persistent problems with low mood, excessive daytime sleepiness, restlessness in bed, severe snoring or wakening unrefreshed, despite getting adequate length sleep, they should see a doctor.
For more information on sleep health, you can refer to:
Sleep tips for children and Facts about sleep for parents and school staff, from

Community Groups:
It was great to see the second session of Community Groups running again last Wednesday. It is a great experience to wander around the school grounds and see all our students enjoying this great program with our teachers and parents. If you have an activity that you would like to run in our following terms, please let me know and we can begin to build the options we can offer our students.

MALMSBURY MAIL AGM

SATURDAY

18 MARCH 4PM

MALMSBURY TOWN HALL

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR RESTARTING THE MALMSBURY MAIL AND COME ALONG.

Contact: Nea 0419 874 735
malmsburymail@yahoo.com.au

MALMSBURY ELECTRIC VEHICLE EXPO

SATURDAY
15 APRIL 2023
10AM - 4PM

MALMSBURY TOWN HALL

GUEST PRESENTERS
GOOD CAR COMPANY LAUNCH
EV CONVERSIONS
PREPARING YOUR HOME

MRSG.ORG.AU/SLF

macedon ranges SUSTAINABILITY group

KYNETON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY 1894

Hello,

We would love the Primary children to enter in to the Kyneton Autumn Show which is to be held on Saturday the 1st and Sunday the 2nd April 2023! Details are below.

* PLEASE RING NICHOLAS SCOTT ON 0438 664 849 TO ENTER.

CHILDREN'S SECTION:

NO ENTRY FEE. Entries close Thursday, 30th March, 2023 at 12 noon. Exhibits must be staged on Saturday the 1st April by 10am. – AT WATTS PAVILION.

All entries are limited to 30cm square.

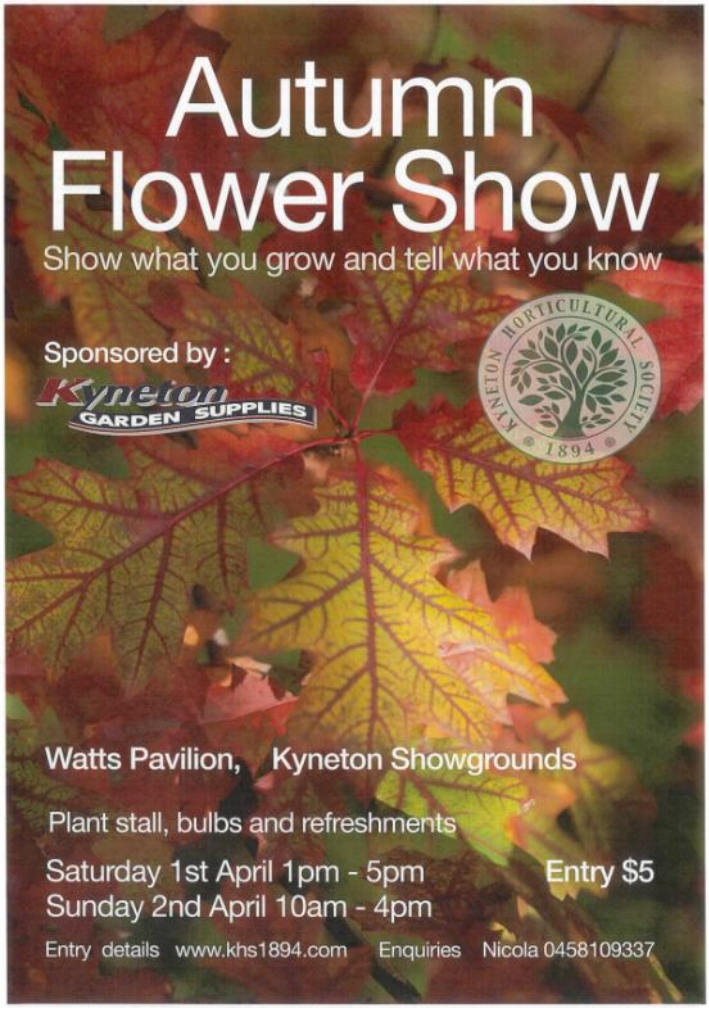
Name and Grade MUST be shown on the exhibit. Horticultural materials include: flowers, leaves, seeds, pods, twigs, weathered wood, fruit, vegetables, berries and may be fresh or dried.

The four different sections are:

- Container of flowers.
- Any creature made from horticultural material.
- Any variety of fruit or vegetable.
- A garden in a shoebox.

ENTRIES ARE TO BE COLLECTED AT SHOW'S END ON SUNDAY 2nd APRIL BETWEEN 4 + 5pm.

MORE INFO ON WEBSITE.



SUSTAINABLE LIVING FESTIVALS

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macedon ranges SUSTAINABILITY group

WOODEND E-BIKE EXPO

WOODEND NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

10AM – 1.30PM

SATURDAY APRIL 1 2023

MALMSBURY ELECTRIC VEHICLE EXPO

SATURDAY APRIL 15 2023

10AM – 4PM

MALMSBURY TOWN HALL

2023 MACEDON RANGES EDGY VEG AWARDS

A SEARCH FOR THE BEST PLANT BASED DISH IN THE RANGES

1–30 APRIL 2023

LIVING WITH E-BIKES IN THE MACEDON RANGES

TEST RIDES & DEMO BIKES
DUTCH CARGO BIKES
WOODEND CYCLES & GIANT BIKES
REV E-BIKE CONVERSIONS

LIVING WITH ELECTRIC CARS IN THE REGIONS

GUEST PRESENTERS
EV CONVERSIONS
PREPARING YOUR HOME

Hot Cross Bun Drive!

$15 for ½ dozen delicious hot cross buns

baked by our local Malmsbury Bakery.

$5 from each order will be donated back to our School

Order forms to be returned and full payment made to Malmsbury PS by 3:30pm Thursday 30th March.

Payment to Bank Australia BSB- 313 140

Acc. No. 1207 4523 reference your surname + HCB.

Name:_____

Number of ½ dozen 'packs' ☐ ($15 for ½ dozen hot cross buns)

All orders will be delivered to the school for pick up on Wednesday the 5th of April.

Malmsbury Primary School OSHC

Week 8, Term 1, 20th to 25th March, 2023

Framework Focus - Outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of identity. – "Children develop knowledgeable and confident self identities." (My Time, Our Place. Framework for School Age Care in Australia)

Children are adjusting to the OSHC routine and becoming more confident in negotiating games to play, collaborating in completing tasks and creating new roles and characters in their imaginative play. This week children build on their sense of identity by completing their life size self-portraits and practicing their superpowers in their games.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Afternoon tea and snacks will always be gluten free.				
Make your own snacks such as • Fruit plates • Rice cakes with Nutella and fruit toppings	Make your own snacks such as • Fruit plates • Rice cakes with Nutella and fruit toppings	Make your own snacks such as • Fruit plates • Rice cakes with Nutella and fruit toppings	Make your own snacks such as • Fruit plates • Rice cakes with Nutella and fruit toppings	Make your own snacks such as • Fruit plates • Rice cakes with Nutella and fruit toppings
• Fresh fruit and water is always available. Students have their own marked water bottle they keep at OSHC for all their busy activities.				

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Inside: Completing their life size super self portrait to take home.	Inside: Completing their life size super self portrait to take home.	Inside: Completing their life size super self portrait to take home.	Inside: Completing their life size super self portrait to take home.	Inside: Completing their life size super self portrait to take home.
Outside: Skipping, Tug of War and team games building on collaboration.	Outside: Skipping, Tug of War. Caterpillar Riot collaboration game	Outside: Dodge ball, Free play at the playground.	Outside: Dodge ball, Free play at the playground.	Outside: Skipping, Outside wander and wonder. Tune down for the weekend.
Permanent activities- Drawing & mindfulness colouring, reading, building, and card games. Our OSHC children always have choices in what they would like to do.				