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Malmsbury Primary School

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 1—Friday 2nd January 2024

IMPORTANT DATES Term 1 2024

No Preps on Wednesdays throughout January and February

Wednesdays Throughout March—
Prep Student Interviews

Tuesday February 27-
Grade 3/4 Excursion— Earth Ed Ballarat

Tuesday March 5th, 14, & 21
School Review Days

Friday March 22-
Prep/1 and Grade 2/3 Excursion
Earth Ed Ballarat

Wednesday 27th March-
State Schools Spectacular— Mass
Choir Rehearsal

MAJOR EVENTS 2024

Thursday March 28-
MPS Cross Country @ Malmsbury
Cricket Ground

Saturday 14th of September-
Victorian State Schools
Spectacular

Womin-dji-ka | Welcome

Welcome back to what is set to be another fantastic year of learning at Malmsbury Primary School. One of my favourite times of year is to stand at the front gate on day one and see all the smiling, happy, and energetic faces. It is also mind blowing to see how much everyone has grown over the holiday break. I was so proud of all our new Prep students. They confidently arrived for their first official day of their schooling journey, and I can't wait to see what their future holds.

It was a pleasure to wander through the rooms and see all students engaged in lessons and setting themselves up for success for the year.

Welcome back everyone along with a big Malmsbury PS welcome to all our new families. I look forward to working with all of you.

Malmsbury PS School Review March 2024:

Every 4 years, all schools go through a review process to help guide the direction of their next Strategic Plan. Our review will be conducted over 3 days across the month of March. This is a very thorough and positive process that helps to dig into the future direction of the school. Because of this, our community's thoughts and feedback are a key part of this process. This ensures we can capture all stakeholders thoughts through the review.

Below is a link to a survey with important questions that we would like you to provide your thoughts on. This information will help us to provide a clear direction for the school for the next 4 year Strategic Plan. All responses are welcome and are anonymous. All responses can cover from the past 4 years or since your time at the school. Your answers and contributions to the survey will be greatly appreciated. The survey will close on Friday the 23rd of February.

<https://forms.gle/Av2rKCsNNbLUu6Gq9>

Malmsbury Bakery Lunch Orders:

Once again, the fabulous Malmsbury Bakery will be providing lunch orders for students on Fridays. You can find paper copies of the lunch order forms in the office, or digital versions on the Sentral parent portal. All lunch orders must be in to the office with exact money by Wednesdays at 12pm. Orders can also be placed directly with the Bakery by the end of business on Wednesdays as well. Any orders after this time will be held over to the following week.

Please ensure that all individual student lunch orders are completed on separate forms. Putting each of your children's orders on a separate form makes the preparation process for the bakery much simpler and smoother.

Prep Interviews— Wednesdays:

Once again, during Wednesdays through February, Kathryn is running individual Prep student interviews to work through a range of activities with the students. This information all helps to create targeted learning for each individual student.

Prep parents can book in their Wednesday interview times across February through the Sentral Parent Portal or via the Sentral Parent App. The process is reasonably straight forward, by selecting the interviews button. If you do have any issues in booking an interview time or have any other queries about the interview, please don't hesitate to contact either Kathryn or myself.

Private Music Lessons with Andy:

Andy is once again taking enrolments for private instrumental lessons for the year. Lessons this year won't begin until March due to some commitments Andy has to complete. If you would like to enrol your child into private music lessons with Andy on Mondays, you can contact him directly on 0400 865 229. Lessons run at a cost of \$35 per session.

Second Hand Uniform Stall:

Starting next Wednesday the 7th of February, Bobbi will once again be running the Second hand uniform stall from 3.15pm to 3.45pm each week. The cost is \$5 per item, so a great bargain is to be had.

We are always happy to receive any old uniform in good condition that you have, to help boost up the stock. If you do have any items that can be donated, please feel free to drop them in at the office. I send out a big thank you to the families that have already donated their old uniforms.



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Breakfast Club Volunteers Term 1:

Next Wednesday and Thursday will see the return of the weekly Breakfast Club Program. Breakfast Club runs from 8.30am through to 8.55am. Our Breakfast Club delivery arrived earlier this week, and we are now looking for volunteers to help run the program on Wednesdays or Thursdays. If you are keen to help run this valuable program for our school, please either make contact with Jan or myself to organise a Term 1 roster. If you are available weekly, fortnightly, monthly or once a term, no problem at all. We would love to see you providing this support for our students. If you would like anymore information on how the programs runs, please don't hesitate to make contact.

Central Highlands Orienteering Club:

CHOC is looking forward to welcoming you to our twilight orienteering events in February 2024
Each week we will explore a different parkland in the Macedon Ranges

Registration starts from 6pm, start between 6.30pm- 7pm. Courses close at 8pm
Courses suitable for individuals, groups and families
Costs \$5 include map and hire of electronic timing reader, parents shadowing children free

For more details see flyers attached on the final page of this newsletter.

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

Travis Pool, Principal,
Travis.Pool@education.vic.gov.au

CLASSROOM AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's award winners:
Parker, Archie, Sorcha, Maya, Annalise, and Charlie



AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

Prep/1:

What a wonderful start to a very promising year we have had this week. All the new preppies arrived ready to learn, eager to build new friendships and then exhausted by the end of the day! And my Grade 1 superstars made me super proud when they stepped up into their new leadership roles, making every prep feel very welcome and helping in any way they could. I really could not be prouder of them all my Gumnuts!

This week, our focus has been settling and adjusting to our new year as Preps and Grade Ones. We have built positive relationships, explored our classroom expectations and managed a load of new experiences. Our amazing Preps have conquered our recess and lunch routines, eating with the whole school, their first PE and music sessions with different teachers and their first assembly this afternoon. That's just week One! I'm exhausted just writing about our week 😊

Grade 2/3:

Opportunities to explore, observe, experiment, solve problems and build on relationships has been the focus for the grade 2/3 classroom this week. It has been wonderful to see the children explore their new classroom and become involved in the development of the classroom expectations, that will assist their learning. New friendships have formed, and old friendships have rekindled. I look forward to witnessing the academic growth the students in grade 2/3, can achieve this year. Welcome back to all the students of Malmsbury Primary School.

Grade 5/6:

We are off to a great start in the 5/6 classroom. Everyone is settling in nicely and doing their best to start 2024 on a positive note! We have spent the week establishing classroom expectations together, getting to know everyone a little better, and some start of year testing.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION FUN



VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 2024

Saturday 14th of September:

It was exciting to let the students know this week that we are now looking for students who would like to be a part of the Malmsbury PS section of the Mass Choir for the 2024 Victorian State Schools Spectacular.

Expressions of interest for students from Grade 3 to 6 are now being taken. Those students who have already shown interest will have a form in their bags requiring your signature for permission and media image release for the event. I have also attached a digital copy of this as well. **Could these forms please be returned to school as soon as possible. All notes should returned to school by no later than Wednesday the 14th of February.**

Our Music Teacher, Anna, is excited about working with our students in preparing for the Spectacular. Those students who become part of our Mass Choir Group will rehearse on Thursday afternoons from 2.30 to 3.30.

There are also a number of rehearsals remotely and in Melbourne in the lead up to the event.

Rehearsal 1: Mass Choir Regional Rehearsal Week Commencing March 25 - Venues TBC

Rehearsal 2: Mass Choir Regional Rehearsal Week Commencing May 20 - Venue TBC

Rehearsal 3: Mass Choir Rehearsal (All Schools Combined) Wednesday, 24 July - Venue Melbourne Town Hall

Rehearsal 4: Mass Choir Rehearsal (All Schools Combined) Wednesday, 28 August - Venue Melbourne Town Hall

Rehearsals 3 & 4 will take place at Melbourne Town Hall, corner of Swanston and Collins St, Melbourne. The rehearsals will run from 9am registration with singing to start at 10am and will finish on both days at 3pm.

This is an absolutely fantastic event that Malmsbury PS is very proud being a part of. The students have an amazing experience and I look forward to seeing the final show.

Please don't hesitate to get in contact if you have any other questions.

MALMSBURY PS CATASTROPHIC FIRE RATING DAY PROCEDURES

With the Bushfire Season upon us, it is important to know the following information and process.

Malmsbury PS is on the 'Bushfire At Risk' register. This means that our school is closed on any Catastrophic Day and our OSHC service will also be closed. Below is our procedure to inform our school community of any Catastrophic Rating days that are declared.

Malmsbury PS does not operate on a Catastrophic Day and no staff or students are permitted to be on the school premises.

Catastrophic Days are declared at least 24 hours in advance.

If a Catastrophic Day is declared during the school week then a note will be sent home from school to alert families to the school closure.

A follow up phone call or Sentral message requiring a confirmation will confirm each family has received the notification regarding the Catastrophic closure.

Staff will be phoned to confirm they know the school will be closed due to a Catastrophic Day being called.

If a Catastrophic day is declared over a weekend for a Monday we will use the Sentral app, Facebook and phone calls to let parents know our school will be closed. Senior staff members will have home access to parent contact numbers in a secure location to enable parents to be contacted on weekends.

Staff will be called to notify them of the Catastrophic Day closure declared over the weekend.

Parents and staff will be reminded to monitor weather warnings over weekends until the bushfire season is over.

Regular reminders will be placed in the newsletter about regularly checking the Sentral app and to follow us on Facebook for any notifications.

MACEDON RANGES TWILIGHT SPRINT ORIENTEERING SERIES 2024



**RETURNS 14TH FEB 6PM
KYNETON COMMUNITY GARDENS**

COURSES

Range from 2km to 4km
There will be a course suitable for children and families without the need to cross major roads.

Events take up to 30min
Walk, jog or run it is up to you.

REGISTRATION

From 6pm, starts 6.30-7pm
Course close 8pm

COSTS

\$5 per participant
includes map & hire electronic
timing reader

EVENTS



14th FEB KYNETON
Community Gardens
Clowes St Entrance

21st FEB WOODEND
Campaspe Parklands
Info centre - Margery Cres

28th FEB MALMSBURY
Botanical Gardens
Ellesmere Place



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FEBRUARY 2024

14TH KYNETON
21st WOODEND
28TH MALMSBURY

**FEB
14TH**

Courses 2-4km

\$5 entry

Rego 6-7pm
Courses close 8pm



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