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IMPORTANT DATES Term 1 2024

Sunday 17th March–
Malmsbury Farmers Market

Friday 22nd March -

- Prep/1 and Grade 2/3 Excursion
Earth Ed Ballarat
- Hot Cross Bun Orders Due

Monday 25th March–
School Leaders Investiture/Induction
Ceremony 9.15am

Tuesday 26th March– School Council
AGM and First Meeting

Wednesday 27th March–
State Schools Spectacular– Mass Choir
Rehearsal

MAJOR EVENTS 2024

Malmsbury Farmer's Markets:
March 17, May 19, July 21,
Sept 15, Nov 17, Dec 15.

School Review -
Tuesday March 5, 14 & 21

Thursday March 28th -
MPS Cross Country @ Malmsbury
Cricket Ground

Saturday 14th of September -
Victorian State Schools
Spectacular



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Malmsbury Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 7—Friday 15th March 2024

Womin-dji-ka | Welcome

This week was a shorter week, but jam-packed full of events and learning. We saw the start of the NAPLAN testing period and I could not be more proud of how our students, especially our Year 3 students, took on the assessments with a relaxed and excited attitude. We also saw the Fieldwork Day of our School Review. The review panel were busy collecting feedback and information across the student, staff, parent and carer community. Next week we will see our Prep/1 and 2/3 classrooms head off to Earth Ed in Ballarat on Tuesday. Students will get to experience a range of STEM activities connected to Earth Sciences. On Thursday will be the final School Review day, where we unpack all the information collected and use this information to create our four year goals and key improvement strategies for the next School Strategic Plan.

Malmsbury PS School Review March 2024:

Thank you to all the parents/carers who participated in the Parent Feedback session as part of our School Review. The reviewers were impressed with the amount of parents who were able to spare the time to be a part of the session. Your feedback is greatly appreciated and will go a long way, with all information collected as part of the fieldwork day, to helping form the future direction of the next four year strategic plan. Once again, thank you to all who could provide their time and feedback.

School Leader Investiture/Induction Ceremony:

On Monday the 25th of March, we will be holding the annual School Leaders Investiture ceremony at 9.15am. This involves our students taking our student leadership pledge and receiving their leadership certificate and badges. It is a great community event and it would be wonderful to see as many family and community members at the official ceremony as possible.

Malmsbury Village Fayre – 28th April 2024:

It will be fantastic to see the Malmsbury Fayre return this year on the 28th of April after a small hiatus. The Fayre committee is in full swing, organising the event and all the activities for the celebration.

The committee is seeking volunteers to help on at the Fayre. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful Malmsbury community event, you can register your interest at malmsburyfayre@gmail.com.

Malmsbury Farmer's Market– Sunday 17th of March:

Our school stall will once again be running this coming Sunday the 17th of March from 9am - 1pm. If you are able to provide home made items to sell at the market, you are more than welcome to bring them to the stall on Sunday the 17th. A reminder that home baked goods must have a list of ingredients with them. Any and all donations for the market are greatly appreciated.

We are still in strong need of volunteers who would be able to help run the stall at different times. Even if it is for 30mins or an hour or two, all help is greatly appreciated. If you are able to help out on Sunday, please use the link below to register your time.

<https://signup.com/go/OhDuZBk>

NAPLAN March 13th to 25th 2024:

Congratulations to all our students who have now completed 3 out of the 4 assessments over the past 3 days. I have been so impressed with the way all students have taken on the assessments with a great attitude and Enthusiasm. So far, students have completed the Writing, Reading, and Numeracy assessments. This Monday will see the last of the assessments with the Conventions of Language (spelling and grammar) test. The remainder of next week will also provide 'catch-up' sessions for students who may have been absent during the main testing period. Again, congratulations to all our students for their wonderful attitude towards assessment.

Easter Raffle:

Today, students have brought home 10 raffle tickets for you to sell for our annual Easter Raffle. Tickets are just \$1 each. We are now looking for donations to include as prizes for the raffle. Easter Eggs are fantastic, but we are also looking for anything else that would make a good prize or part of the raffle prizes. The raffle will be drawn at our final assembly on Thursday the 28th of March. If you would like more tickets to buy or sell, please see Jan in the office.

Smile Squad– School Dental Van Visit:

The Smile Squad Dental Van will be visiting our school in late March. If you would like to make use of this service, please see the more detailed information and registration link on page 3 of the newsletter.

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

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

WEEKLY STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's award winners:
James, Zoe M, Louis, Archie, Arke, Mahla, and Rui



KYNETON
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Invites students, their parents and grandparents to an
Intergeneration Folk Dance Event

Kyneton Mechanic's Institute Hall

Sunday 24th March 3.30-5.30pm

*Free event with a Live Band
Dances from around the world.*

For registration and information please email
[Ged \(gedseddon54@gmail.com\)](mailto:Ged(gedseddon54@gmail.com))



SMILE SQUAD- SCHOOL DENTAL VAN

Smile Squad is coming to this school

The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health are coming to our school in March 2024.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

Smile Squad dental packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens.

Your child(ren) will soon receive a free dental pack to bring home. The dental pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

The Bendigo Health Smile Squad team look forward to seeing you soon.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

Grade 2/3:

The Grade 2/3 classroom have been busy this week, building their knowledge and understanding of how to write complex sentences. We have learnt about subordinating conjunctions, using the acronym AAWWUBBIS (pronounced AHH-WHOO-BIS). By using one of the subordinating conjunctions, we can form an independent clause (a sentence that makes sense on its own) and a dependent clause (a sentence that provides extra information, but does not make sense on its own), to form a complex sentence that will engage our readers. I look forward to reading how the students will use this new writing skill in their narrative stories, to which we will start next week. In Maths, we finished our unit on addition with the addition algorithm. We learnt how to write our numbers vertically into columns according to their place value. This allows students to understand addition with regrouping, when we cross the tens boundary.

In the lead up to our Earth Ed excursion next Friday, the Grade 2/3 students got to experience what it means to be an engineer (the E for engineering in STEM). We read the wonderful book by author Andrea Beaty, Rosie Revere, Engineer, and designed our own flying contraption. Students set to work designing and constructing their contraption, just like Rosie did in the book for her great aunt Rose.



Grade 5/6

Last week we finally finished our class novel 'War Horse' by Michael Murpurgo. Students have completed their own review of the book to add to our classroom wall. I have included some examples from Sid and Ami on the next page. We have begun to read the picture book version of the story, also written by Michael Murpurgo. Only a few pages in, students are finding some interesting differences. In the next couple of weeks, we hope to watch the movie as well. A letter will be sent home shortly detailing rating information and asking for consent.

 **WAR HORSE**
by Michael Murpurgo

War Horse is a wonderful and entertaining book from a horse called Joey's perspective. Along Joey's adventures he meets and loses many friends.

Dive into a World of excitement, fear, loss and joy by reading this 10 out of 10 novel, War Horse!

Sid

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WAR HORSE
by Michael Murpurgo

Joey is a farm horse, he has a best friend named Albert. Albert is a 16 year old boy, who lived on a farm.

Joey meet lots of friends on the way of his adventure with his friend Topthorn.

It is a little emotional so have some tissues to comfort you.

I recommend this book for Year 5 and above.

All together I rate it a 5!

Ami

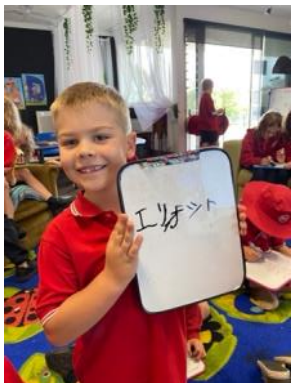
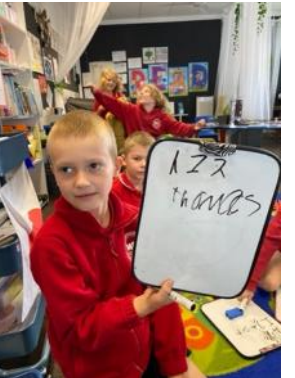
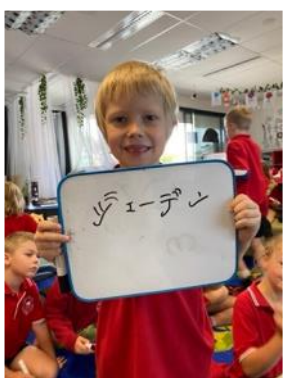
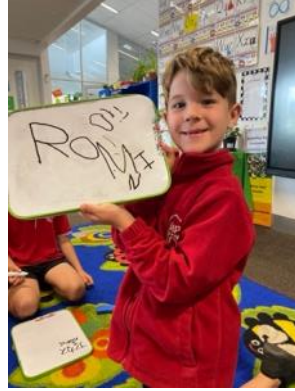
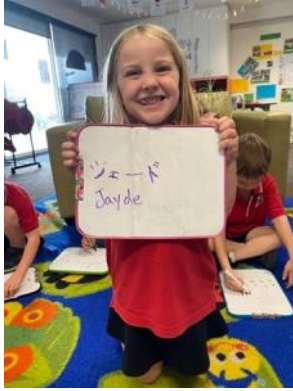
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JAPANESE

Japanese

The Grade Prep/1's and Grade 2/3's have been working hard at writing and recognising their names in Japanese. They have noticed how the Japanese symbols sometimes look like things they already know, like English letters, numbers, or symbols (like smiley faces!). They can now easily spot their name in a list of names. Well done!



MPS HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY 2024 INFORMATION

This year our House Cross Country event will be held on the last day of Term 1, Thursday March 28th.

This is a whole school event and all students will compete to earn points for their house, **Hollows**, **Chisolm** or **Freeman**. If you are unsure of your house, please see Jan or your classroom teacher.

Students will walk down to the Malsbury Cricket Ground as a whole school for the event at 9:15 after morning classroom routines. The following events will be held:

- Prep/Year 1 – Fun Run around the inside of the oval, 1 lap, approximately 500m
- Year 2 – Fun Run around the inside of the oval, 2 laps, approximately 1km
- 9 and 10 year olds – 2km track
- 11 and 12/13 year olds – 3km track

Age groups are calculated as age turned by Dec 31 2024. The attached map shows the track, 2 laps for 9 and 10 year olds and 3 laps for 11 and 12/13 year olds.

Students will have their morning snack at the oval and we will return to school for lunch then 2:30pm dismissal. House colours can be worn, however clothing needs to be appropriate to run in and SunSmart with shoulders covered.

I have spoken with students about training ideas if they are interested. This could involve:

- Visiting the cricket ground and running the track
- Going for a jog at home on an family agreed route
- Running laps of the school oval during recess or lunch time

Closer to the date I will be asking for parent volunteers to stand at checkpoints so please check your calendars and keep it free to come along and support our students!



- Walking route
- Cross Country route

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 2024, 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
Ryan Hemsley	Kathryn Sundblom	Nil
Evan Murley	Kate Kuyateh	
	David Oxworth	

This means that there will be a call for nominations for 4 parent 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 2024

Monday 12th February 2024 - Notice of election and call for nominations (forms will be available from the office)

Monday 19th February 2024- Closing date for nominations

Wednesday 21st February 2024 - The date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted

Monday 26th February 2024 - The date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed if an election is required.

Tuesday 20th 2024 – Special first council meeting to appoint Community Members (the principal will preside) with existing members.

Monday 4th March 2024 - Close of ballot (if required)

Tuesday 5th March 2024 - Vote Count (if required)

Wednesday 8th March 2024 – Declaration of poll

Tuesday 26th March 2024– 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.



Coliban Creatures Walk & Talk - Thursday, April 11 · 5am - 7pm Lauriston Public Hall & Community Centre

Are you interested in learning more about the platypus in the Coliban River catchment?

Keen to know more about their habitat and river restoration?

North Central CMA is hosting a platypus walk and talk evening with ecologist Josh Griffiths to present the most recent Coliban River environmental DNA sampling results.

The Coliban catchment boasts strong platypus populations, and a long-term river restoration project known as A Healthy Coliban Catchment is underway.

The project aims to restore native habitat and riparian connectivity within the rivers and creeks of the upper Coliban catchment, from the headwaters to Malmsbury Reservoir.

A goal of the project is ensuring species such as platypus and river blackfish have a thriving environment to call home.

This event is for anyone interested in knowing more about the platypus, its habitat, behaviours, diet, and population.

Josh has been sampling the Coliban River for the presence of platypus, native fish, and other species since 2017 and will share plenty of stories from near and far, about working with one of Australia's most iconic critters.

To register please use the following Eventbrite Link- <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/platypus-evening-with-ecologist-josh-griffiths-tickets-861297202117?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Josh has spent the last 17 years specialising in platypus research throughout Australia. This has included the development and verification of eDNA as a new method that has revolutionised the way we can monitor platypus populations



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IN COMMUNITY HALLS

FEATURING

THE MARTINI SET

LAURISTON HALL
FRIDAY 26 APRIL, 6PM

DINNER AND SHOW

TWO COURSE MEAL provided
BALD HILL ESTATE (and other) WINES, BEER and
SOFTDRINKS available (No BYO)
TICKETS: \$25 Under 12: \$15

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