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IMPORTANT DATES Term 1 2024

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

Tuesday 26th March- School Council
AGM and First Meeting

Wednesday 27th March- Earth Ed
Incursion for all students- No Cost.

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

Thursday 28th March- Last Day of
Term 1. **2.30pm finish**

IMPORTANT DATES Term 2 2024

Monday 15th of April-
First Day of Term 1 for all students

MAJOR EVENTS 2024

Malmsbury Farmers Markets:
March 17, May 19, July 21,
Sept 15, Nov 17, Dec 15.

School Review -
Tuesday March 5, 14 & 21



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Malmsbury Primary School

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 8—Friday 22th March 2024

Womin-dji-ka | Welcome

This week, we saw the completion of the NAPLAN testing period and again I commend our students for the enthusiasm that they approached the assessment with. Next week brings the final week of Term 1. We have the Earth Ed teachers visiting us this time with a range of stem activities on Wednesday. We also have Yoko working with Jaimee in our Japanese lessons to help our students learn more about the culture of Japan. A reminder that Thursday is also our Cross Country event. Students will compete in their age group races before heading back to school for lunch, presentations and a 2.30pm finish to the Term.

Malmsbury PS School Review March 2024:

On Thursday we had the Final Panel Day of our school review. This day presented all the findings from the student, parent and staff feedback sessions. This helped us to prioritise our directions and come up with a clear set of goals and key improvement strategies for the next 4 years. This information will be presented to the school early in term 2 after the final report is completed and approved by the Department of Education.

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 great to see as many family and community members at the official ceremony.

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.

NAPLAN March 13th to 25th 2024:

Congratulations to all our students who have now completed this year's NAPLAN assessments. Students completed the Conventions of Language assessment on Monday, and there were also a number of catch up sessions across the week. Results of the NAPLAN assessments will come through approximately in the middle of Term 2. Parents will receive these reports and results for each of your child's assessments towards the end of Term 2.

Easter Raffle:

Last week students brought home 10 raffle tickets to sell for our annual Easter Raffle. Tickets are just \$1 each.

Thank you to all the families that have already sold all their tickets and have picked up a few more from the office to help continue this fundraising activity. If you would like more tickets to buy or sell, please see Jan in the office.

Thank you also to families who have brought in some great prize donations. We are still in need of more donations, Easter eggs and anything else that would make a good prize or part of the raffle prizes. The more prizes the more of a chance of winning.

The raffle will be drawn at our final assembly on Thursday the 28th of March. We will be looking for a couple of volunteers on Wednesday next week who would like to help divide up the donations to create the different prize packs. Please let either myself or Jan know if you are able to help out.

Request from the Art Room:

Paul is working on a little project in Term 2 and would like to put out a request for donations of easter egg foil wrappings. During the Easter period while enjoying your delicious Easter egg treats, it would be great if you could collect up the foil wrappings for Paul. Your donations will be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the office at the start of Term 2.

Earth Ed Excursion:

The prep/1 and 2/3 classes have had a fantastic time at Earth Ed today. I've heard that the parents may have had more fun than the kids. A huge thanks to Jessica, Lee, and Natalie for coming along for the day and providing some great support for the kids. Without this support, it can make organising these excursions very difficult and we really appreciate you providing us your free time.

We look forward to the 5/6 classes trip to Earth Ed later in the year and it would be great to have some more parents join in the fun.

Smile Squad- School Dental Van Visit:

The Smile Squad Dental Van has been rescheduled to mid May to allow time for more families to take advantage of this free dental service provided by the Department of Education. 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

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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)



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

Prep/1:

This week in Prep/Ones, I am celebrating the amazing resilience my Gumnuts have shown this week. Due to our School review, I have been absent from the classroom for a large chunk of our week. But I am so proud how our amazing our little Gumnuts adjusted to the change and used their resilience skills to adapt and excel during my absence. Our Gumnuts are truly amazing!

Our excursion day is 'finally' here! We have been counting down for nearly 3 weeks! It is so exciting, but nerve racking to board a bus, wave goodbye to our loved ones, and then take that long trip. We had such an amazing day, smiles of amazement and enjoyment were very evident, as was the awe for everything science! Though, I must say, our trip home was a tad quieter than our trip there 😊



Grade 2/3:

In the Grade 2/3 classroom we spend time daily focussing on our reading comprehension strategies and our phonics focus for the week. In their reading groups, students explore a variety of activities to assist their learning. This term, we have been focusing on inferring, where students activate their prior knowledge to make connections to what they are reading. Students have been working hard during our reading sessions to practice this skill, using images and questions to prompt discussion. We have also been focusing on the parts of speech in the English language, in particular nouns, verbs and adjectives. Students have been exploring games to complement their learning, as shown in the images below. Each week we have a phonics focus and each week we have fun new activities to supplement and build upon their knowledge. This week I incorporated a new activity, where students used computer keyboards to type out words containing the long i vowel sound. We had a lot of fun learning where the letters on the keyboard are and recognising the sounds in each word we came across. This activity will also assist students, for when we start our computer sessions later on in the year. To finish off the week, was of course our excursion to Earth Ed. Students were able to become engineers for the day and explore the world through a STEM-based lens. Photos and student reviews to follow in next week's newsletter.



Japanese

Since it's Harmony Day tomorrow (March 21st) the grade prep 1s and grade 2/3s made these lovely harmony collages. It's the symbol for peace and harmony in Japanese pronounced 'wa' 和 . We used origami paper to make the symbol.

Happy Harmony Day!



MPS CROSS COUNTRY

Hello everyone,

Less than a week to go for our House Cross Country event. Here is some important information for next Thursday, March 28th.

- All students will need to wear their school hat and bring a full water bottle, there is no access to drinking water at the cricket ground.
- Students may dress in their house colours but outfits need to be SunSmart (shoulders covered, no singlets or sleeveless tops) and students need to be able to run in their outfit. Otherwise students can wear school uniform as usual.
- Students may wear face paint, coloured hairspray, nail polish etc but must apply this at home and come to school 'pre-decorated'.
- We will eat fruit snack and morning tea at the cricket ground, then return to school for lunch, assembly at 2:00pm, then dismissal at 2:30pm for school holidays.

I am still after a couple more helpers to go along the track to support and guide our runners. I would meet you at the ground at 9:45 and we will be done by 12:30. Any or all of this timeslot will be helpful. If you are able to help out please email me at erin.rose@education.vic.gov.au.

Thankyou!



- 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>



AUTUMN FESTIVAL LIVE & LOCAL

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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