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Malmsbury Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 9—Thursday 28th March 2024

IMPORTANT DATES Term 2

2024

Monday 15th of April—
Curriculum Day— Student Free Day

Tuesday 16th of April
First Day of Term 2 for all students

Sunday 28th April—
Malmsbury Village Fayre

Tuesday 7th May—
Cross Country at Hanging Rock

20th and 24th May—
State Schools Spectacular Mass Choir
rehearsal

June 5th to 7th—
Grade 5/6 Urban Camp

Thursday June 13th—
MPS House Athletics

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

Saturday 14th of September -
Victorian State Schools
Spectacular



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Womin-dji-ka | Welcome

Well we have finally come to the end of the First term. We have finished off with a bang. The Earth Ed teachers visited us this time with some sessions of coding. We also had Yoko working with Jaimee in our Japanese lessons to help our students learn more about the culture of Japan. We held our Battle of The Chicks competition as a fun Easter activity for our students, and last of all we had our fantastic Cross Country event as a final fun day for the term. I thank all of our staff and Parent Helpers for their support of this event, but mostly to Erin for all her wonderful organisation of the day. It couldn't happen without these fabulous people. I thank everyone for their work and support over the last nine weeks to make this such a wonderful term of learning and fun for our students.

Curriculum Day— Student Free Day Monday the 15th of April:

On Monday the 15th of April, the first day of Term 2, will be a student free day. All of our teachers will be participating in a professional learning day at Riddells Creek PS, looking at the new Mathematics Curriculum. This will be a day of learning that will focus on how the new curriculum is structured, but also learning new strategies and learning methods to help differentiate learning for students needs based on the new mathematics curriculum structure. The new Mathematics Curriculum will begin to be implemented across all Victorian Schools from 2025.

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 involved 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.

Easter Raffle:

Thank you to all the families who sold all their tickets and to those who have brought in some great prize donations. I would also like to say a special thanks to Christine A, who has sold at least 200 plus tickets, but also donated a large amount of prizes for the raffle. Also to Gina and Lou for the work in preparing the prizes for the draw along with our wonderful Jan who helped to prepare all the tickets and information for the raffle. Without everyone's help and support, this great fundraiser for our school wouldn't be as fantastic as it is. Congratulations to all our winners. We hope you enjoy the prizes.

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.

Malmsbury Village Fayre call out for volunteers

April 28th 10am-3pm
Malmsbury Botanic Gardens

We are looking for volunteers for 2+ hour shifts to help make this day very special. Roles include greeting visitors (a great way to meet new people), assisting at the help desk or working with the logistics team to set up and/or pack down the day. Please sign up on the volunteer signup sheet, <https://volunteersignup.org/EB3RK>. If you have any questions, please contact Polly on 0417 059 434 (please include your name in the text).

In great appreciation,
MVF Committee

Have a safe and happy holiday break everyone, and thank you for your continued support.

Travis Pool, Principal

Travis.Pool@education.vic.gov.au

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.

SCHOOL LEADERS INVESTITURE

School Leader Investiture/Induction Ceremony:

On Monday the 25th of March, we held our annual School Leaders Investiture ceremony. This is always a big event for our leadership group and their families as they are inducted into our school as our 2024 school leadership group. The students were so excited to accept their roles, certificate and leadership badges. The leadership group also took our student leadership pledge as a part of the process.

As a student leader at Malmsbury Primary School I pledge-

- to use my power wisely,
- to uphold our school values,
- to be safe, fair and to care.

As student leaders we stand together to support our students, teachers and parents so we can all be the best that we can be.

Once again, I would like to say a huge congratulations to our school leaders for 2024.

School Captains– Eleanor and Sidney



Freeman Capts: Liam and Layla



Chisholm Capts: Zoe and Ami



Hollows Capts: Will and Rosina



Junior School Council Representatives:

Zoe M
Kota
Enna
Indigo E
Iversen
Rui
Archie
Louis

EARTH ED INCURSION

On Wednesday, the Earth Ed instructors paid us a visit this time at school. It was great to have them bring along their robotics and provide our students with a lesson in problem solving, trial and error, and coding. The students had so much fun learning about coding robots and the use of logic to plan the paths of their robots. Trial and error is a great learning method and provided the students with instant feedback about their coding attempts. This then gave them the opportunity to find any errors and adjust their coding to reach their desired result. Thank you so much Earth Ed for providing this learning experience for our students.



JAPANESE

We had a lovely day learning about where Yoko is from and about her beautiful kimono she wore today. Grade 3-6 played a traditional Japanese card game called *karuta* and grade prep-2 learned a song called *Kae-ru no Uta* (Frog Song) which we fittingly sang in the Frog Bog. Cheers!



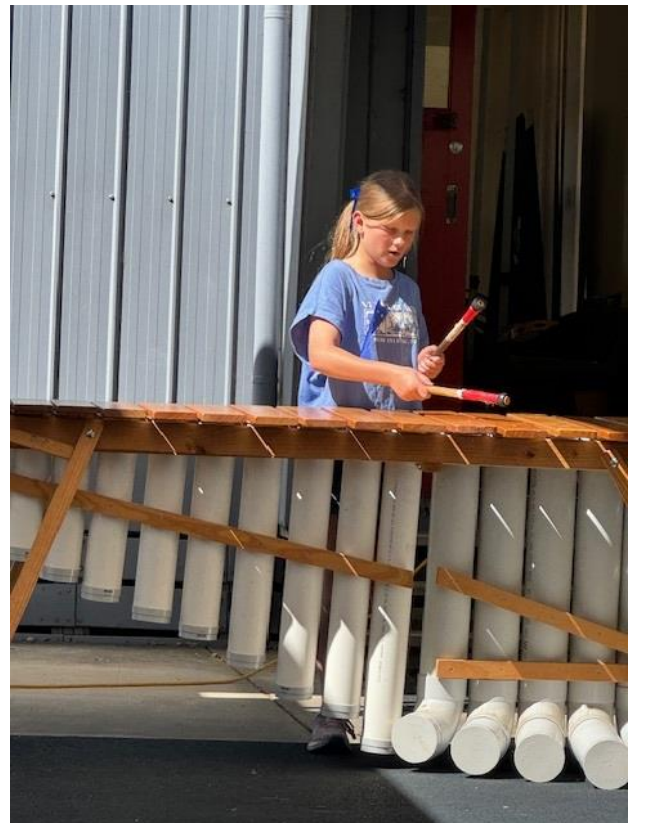
MPS CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all our students who competed in our annual school cross country today. It was a great day for a run and our students again were wonderful participants and motivators of others. Thanks so much to all our staff, parents, and families who helped to run the event. Also a huge thanks to Erin for all her organisation of this event. Without your work Erin, the event would not be as successful as it has been.



MPS ENSEMBLE GROUP

Over the past term, Anna has been working with a range of students from the grade 5/6 classroom as an Ensemble Group. They meet each Thursday in the last hour and learn and develop their musical skills in playing as a band. The students regularly seek out time during recess and lunchtimes to practice their skills and ability to work together. Today at assembly, the group finally got to show an audience the result of all their hard work. A great performance by a great bunch of committed students. Thank you so much Anna for all the work you do for our students and the opportunities that you provide them.



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

On Tuesday the 26th of March, we held our first school council meeting of the year. I would like to say a huge thanks to all the parents and staff members who have volunteered their time to help be a part of our school governance for 2024. I would like to say thank you to David Oxworth and Evan Murley who have decided to step away from school council this year. Your contributions to our council have been highly valued and your support of our beautiful school is greatly appreciated. I would also like to congratulate Tanya Smith and Bree Melhuish for becoming first time members of our school council. Your time and contributions to the governance of our school will help to continue making it a great place of learning for our community.

I would like to announce the new school council representative for 2024:

Parent Members	Officer Bearer Role
Ryan Hemsley	School Council President
Paul Chapman	School Council Vice-President
Emma Warren	School Council Treasurer
Veronika Sultana	School Council Secretary
Lee Morrison	
Bree Melhuish	
Tanya Smith	
DET Parent Members	
Kate Kuyateh	
DET School Staff Members	
Kathryn Sundblom	
Travis Pool	School Council Executive Officer
Community Members	
Nil	



**JUNIOR GIRLS
COMPETITION**

**CALLING FOR
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
GIRLS AGED 8 - 12 YEARS**

RDFNL PROPOSED 2024 MODIFIED GIRLS COMPETITION



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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