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Malmsbury Primary School

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 3—Friday 3rd May 2024

IMPORTANT DATES Term 2 2024

Tuesday 7th May-
District Cross Country at Hanging Rock

Friday 10th May— National Walk Safely
To School Day and Mother's Day
Breakfast and Stall

Wednesday 8th and 29th May-
2025 Prep Information Evenings

May 13th to 18th – Education Week

Monday 13th, Thursday 17th May-
Education Week Open Days

Tuesday 21st May– School Photo Day

Wednesday 29th May-
State Schools Spectacular Mass Choir
rehearsal– Golden Square PS

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.

Saturday 14th of
September -
Victorian State
Schools
Spectacular



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Womin-dji-ka | Welcome

We have had another fantastic week at Malmsbury Primary School. I was so amazed with my first Malmsbury Fayre experience. The weather could not have been better and the event was so highly attended by people from all over the state of Victoria. It was also a pleasure to see so many of our families enjoying the gardens and what the Fayre had to offer us. I send out a huge congratulations to the organising committee for all the hard work and effort that they put in to make the Fayre a sight to behold. We were even lucky enough at the school stall to have the medieval battle demonstration right in front of us. What a sight to behold. I am definitely looking forward to the next Fayre. What another great showcase of how fantastic our community is.

Malmsbury Fayre School Market Stall:

Thank you to all the parents who were able to either provide goods to sell, or come down and help to run the stall for us at the Fayre on Sunday. Without your help, we are unable to run such great fundraisers for our school. Also a big thanks to David for all his work in organising the stall for us. It was a beautiful day with many things sell at the stall, with everything being sold by the end of the day. The total raised was \$670.85. Thank you so much everyone.

Mother's Day Breakfast and Stall and National Walk To School Day – Friday 10th of May:

Next Friday, 10th of May, we will be holding the Mothers' Day breakfast and Stall. The breakfast of bacon and egg rolls or veggie burgers (with gluten free options) will run from 8.30 to 9am. It would be fantastic to see as many Mums, Grandmas, Aunties and other caregivers as possible on the morning of the 10th to help celebrate all that you do.

During the first session of the day, students will also get an opportunity to purchase from a range of gifts from the Mother's Day stall. There is a flat rate cost of \$5 for gifts.

With only one week to go before this event, we are ramping up our call for egg donations and some Dads to help on the BBQ to prepare breakfast. If you are able to help out on the morning of the 10th of May, please let me know or feel free to lend a hand on the morning.

National Walk Safely To School Day Friday May 10th:

Also next Friday the 10th of May, will be our National Walk to Safely to School Day. This event encourages all primary school children, their parents and carers to walk safely and regularly to school. This event seeks to promote better health, road safety, public transport and the environment.

To support this great event this year, we will meet at the Botanical Gardens just before 8.15 and then all walk up to the school, ready for the Mother's Day bacon and egg roll breakfast. All families are more than welcome to join us on this walk to school.

State Schools Spectacular:

Things are now starting to ramp up for our State School Spectacular students. I would like to say be huge thanks to Anna for all the work that she is putting in to make this a great event for our school again. I would also like to say a big thanks to Kate K for her support in the organisation and running of the program again.

We have been able to confirm the first regional rehearsal for our students. This will be on Wednesday the 29th of May. The rehearsal is being hosted by Golden Square Primary School in Bendigo. In the near future, students involved in the State School Spectacular will receive permission notes with more information about the rehearsal.

School Photos – Tuesday 21st May:

On Tuesday the 21st of May, we will be having our school photos taken for 2024. MSP photography will once again be using their online booking system for you to order your school photos. On page 6 of this newsletter is the information around the ordering process. You will receive more information around this process in the coming week.

CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund):

On page 3 of this newsletter is information around the CSEF. This is funding that can be applied for if you hold a valid concession card. If eligible, this fund can be a great support for any costs involved for camps, sporting events and excursions. Attached to the newsletter is an application form. If you are eligible, please complete the form and return it to Jan in the office.

Safety Guide Around Shoulder Length Hair:

Just a quick reminder that while at school, all shoulder length hair should be tied back neatly to help prevent any accidents of hair being caught in playground equipment and to reduce the possible spread of any head lice occurrences in the school.

I would also like to remind students and families that the only types of earrings allowable at school are studs or sleepers to help avoid accidents during playtimes and PE. We have had a few students over the past week with large hoop or larger dangling earrings which pose a risk of them being caught on items during playtimes and sport lessons.

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

Travis Pool, Principal

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WEEKLY STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations last week's award winners:
Scott, Indigo P, and Daisy



Congratulations this week's award winners:
Casper, Evie, Kota, Atti, Iversen, and 5/6



Help Malmsbury Primary School celebrate IDAHOBIT on Friday May 17, 2024.

If possible, we would love each child to come in their allocated colour (if this is not a colour you have, please let us know and we can give you a different colour). We are hoping to collaborate as a whole school on a large scale surprise to celebrate IDAHOBIT.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

Grade Prep/1

Check out these photos from the Prep/1 room... using our environment as a classroom, and anything we find in nature as our learning tools. We took our learning down to the Frog Bog for our maths session last week, trying to make the most of our last warm, pleasant days. We used a variety of rocks, pebbles and sticks to make patterns, investigate measurement and make 'Friends of Ten' ($2+8$, $5+5$, $7+3$ etc). Watching the pure delight and intense engagement in learning always thrills the soul and reinforces why I do, what I do ♡



Grade 2/3

This week in the Grade 2/3 classroom, we have wrapped up our mathematics unit focusing on data collection and representation. We have been learning how to collect and classify data into visual representations using various types of graphs, including picture graphs, column graphs, line graphs and pie charts. We collaborated to create a pie chart, gathering data based on our birth months. Students gathered in a circle on the mat and arranged themselves according to their birth months, mimicking the structure of a pie chart. Afterwards, students utilised the picture I captured to sketch their individual pie charts. This activity proved to be both enjoyable and engaging, providing students with a novel approach to representing their data.



AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

Grade 3/4

This week in our Writing sessions we have been learning how to write a proper paragraph. We have learnt that a paragraph has a **topic sentence** that tells the reader what the paragraph is going to be about, and **supporting details** that tell us more about the topic. We have been practising listing details about a given topic, writing a topic sentence and 2 or 3 sentences that provide more detail. It has been tricky not going straight into the detail in our first sentence, but we are getting the hang of it. We have learnt that the last sentence in a paragraph is the **concluding sentence**, but we are still getting our heads around writing these.

We've been using a 'hamburger' planner to help us understand the structure - the 'bun' on top is the topic sentence, the burger, lettuce and tomato are the supporting details, and the bun on the bottom is the concluding sentence.

We wrote about fantastic creatures to practise using a proper paragraph structure.

Grade 5/6

We have had a great start to Term 2 in the 5/6 classroom. As part of Inquiry this term, students have been investigating Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary on Bunurong Country. We have researched the organisms that call Ricketts Point home and how they fit into the ecosystem. Students have learnt how sea urchins in the area have adapted to their changing habitat, and the importance of keeping their population at sustainable levels. We have also learnt about new sustainable uses for seaweed, as well as the traditional uses of the Bunurong People.

In literacy, students are finalising their persuasive letters to Tanya Plibersek about the use of renewable and non-renewable energy sources in Australia. I have been really impressed with the student's formal language, and strong persuasive techniques so far.

In maths, students have been challenging themselves with increasingly difficult BODMAS calculations. It's been fantastic to watch them persevere with trickier questions. We have just started our unit on data representation and have begun to collect weather forecast data with the 3/4 class. In two weeks, we will be able to share our graphs comparing forecasted weather with actual weather!





**PHOTO DAY IS
COMING**

Tuesday
21st May 2024

**MSP Photography will be visiting our school on
the above day.**

- ❑ An email will be sent to a nominated email address, whereby you can order via the MSP Online App. Please check your Junk folder if email is not in your inbox. If you have an existing account, please use those login details.
- ❑ Read all the relevant instructions carefully before making your package choice.
- ❑ Sibling photos can be ordered online, but must be placed before midnight on Monday 20th May 2024.
- ❑ The portal does not have a cut off ordering date, however once the job has gone to the lab for printing, any late orders will incur a later order charge.

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if you have any questions.

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 the week of May 27th to the 31st (exact days to be confirmed) .

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.

**SEPT 27-30
2024**

**ALL AGES
WELCOME**

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Looking towards 2024 Term 3

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