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IMPORTANT DATES Term 3

Tuesday August 6 – Music Olympic performance at Malmsbury Town Hall– 11.30am start

Friday August 9– Minischoololympics 11.30 to 1.30pm– Run by JSC

Friday August 16th—District Athletics— Bendigo

Science Week– 10th to 16th August– Open day 13th August

Tuesday 20th August– School walking Inquiry excursion to Malmsbury Botanical Gardens

Book Week– 17th to 23rd August
Monday 19th– Community school read 9 to 9.30am
Friday 23rd– Book week Parade and morning reading 9.30 to 10.15am

Wednesday 28th August– State Schools Spectacular– Melbourne Town Hall Rehearsal no.2

MAJOR EVENTS 2024

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

Saturday 14th September—
Victorian State Schools Spectacular



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Malmsbury Primary School

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 3—Friday 2nd August 2024

Womin-dji-ka | Welcome

It has been a strong week of learning at Malmsbury PS this week. The Grade 3/4 students have settled back in well after their Sovereign Hill camp last week. It has been great hearing all the reports back about how fantastic the camp was. Our Junior School Council have also been busy, organising our Mini School Olympics events for next Friday the 9th of August. This is set to be a wonderful day, full of fun events for the kids to participate in. Anna has also been busy putting the final touches on the students 'Opening Ceremony' performances for the Town Hall next Tuesday. More fun events to come over the remainder of the term. Please see our important dates and the Sentral Parent Calendar to help keep track of these great events.

Olympic Music Performance Day – This Tuesday 6th August:

On Tuesday the 6th of August, our students will be presenting their performances at the Malmsbury Town Hall. Anna has been working tirelessly with the grades to create an Olympic Opening Ceremony style performance. Parents and family members are more than welcome to come and watch the performances that commence at 11.30am.

Students will venture down to the Town Hall in the morning and rehearse. We will have our morning tea and playtime at the Botanical Gardens, and then begin the performances at 11.30am. We hope you are able to make it. Each grade has been allocated a country and will perform a song and dance celebrating their countries.

On the day students are asked to wear colours related to their Olympic Host Countries. If you have any trouble with finding the right coloured clothing, please let us know.

Prep/Grade: Australia (green and yellow)
Grade Two/Three: Greece (blue and white)
Grade Three/Four: China (yellow and red)
Grade Five/Six: Britain (blue, white and red).

Fresh Fruit Fridays– Parent/Carer/Guardian/Family Volunteers Needed:

A big thank you to Lou and Gena for collecting some fresh fruit from Foodbank and preparing it again for our students this morning. We are looking to continuing this Fresh Fruit Friday and it is a great opportunity for parent/family members to be a bigger part of our school. If you are free on a Friday morning for around 30 minutes to help our Junior School Council prepare the fruit, please let me know.

Second Hand Uniform Stall– Looking for Donations of Uniform:

Thank you to Bobbi for all the work that you do in helping to run the second hand uniform stall for our community.

Currently, our stock is very low in the 10 to 14 sizes. If you have any old uniform that can be donated to the stall, or you know of families that have old uniform that may help replenish our stocks, please feel free to drop in any donations at the office.

All donations of clothing are greatly appreciated.

CDSSA Athletics Bendigo:

The CDSSA Athletics will be held on Friday the 16th of August. Thank you to all families of the selected students who have returned their permission notes. If you are still yet to return your child's note, it would be great to have these in by next Monday the 5th. This will help Erin to have enough time to organise

Science Week:

This year, Science week is being held from the 10th to the 18th of August. The school theme for National Science Week in 2024 is *Species Survival - More than just sustainability*. The theme aims to highlight the importance of science and innovation in ensuring the survival and thriving of different species in an ever-changing world. You can access more information from the following website :

<https://www.scienceweek.net.au/>

Across this week, students will participate in a variety of science activities in their classrooms. We will be holding an open classroom day on Tuesday the 13th of August for parents and families to come and join in any activities that their child's classroom are doing on the day.

Book Week:

This year, Book Week is running from August 17th to the 23rd. This event is a great opportunity to celebrate all the fantastic books that provide us with entertainment, lifelong lessons and the ability to use our imaginations. We will be celebrating this event on Friday the 23rd August with students being encouraged to dress as their favourite book character. We will have a morning Book Character Parade followed by some enjoyment of reading. I welcome parents to join us for the morning parade and reading. It will be great to see so many people enjoying a range of wonderful stories.

<https://cbca.org.au/#>

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 winners:



JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL EVENTS

Minischoolympics	Friday 9th August 11:30 - 1:30pm 6 odd and fun activities ran by JSC, School Leaders and House Captains
Whole School Community Read/ Malmsbury Munchies	Monday 16th August 9am -9:30am Invite the school community for a whole school read MM: Hot chocolate and marshmallows



**Dog off leash
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(for dogs and cats)

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CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE RATES

20 or more absent days students in 2023 (%) ⓘ

For students in Prep - 6



31%

Your school

38%

Similar schools

34%

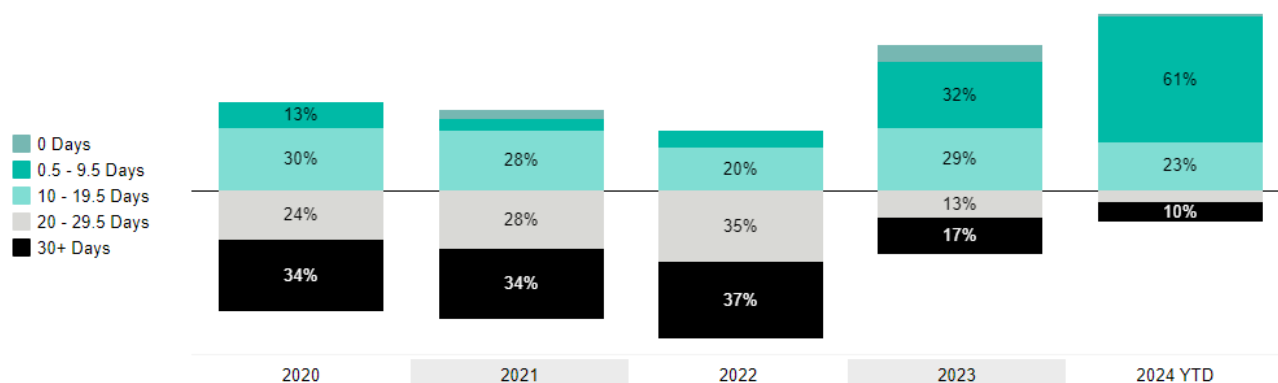
Network

36%

State

Absent day breakdown (5 years) ⓘ

For students in Prep - 6



As you can see from the information above, there has been a fantastic shift in our attendance rates over the past two years. It is an amazing effort to have the shifts that we have seen. This has enabled a great effect on student learning along with the huge positive shifts we have seen in school connectedness, learning confidence, and their sense of belonging at school. All of these factors have also had a positive growth effect on student learning.

As you can see from the data from our 2024 Year To Date, we are well on track to bring our attendance data into line with and to be above our like school, network school, and state data.

The table on the right can help you to see where your child's attendance rate compares with the effect on learning. You can check your individual child's attendance rate on the Sentral Parent Portal or Sentral App. Select your child in the app, from the tab at the top, select student details, then under your child's picture, select attendance. From this area you will be able to see your child's percentage attendance for each term, plus the overall percentage for the year to date.

	Your child's attendance is on or above 95% They are likely to be a "Star Performer" as well as an excellent attendee. They will almost certainly achieve the best grades for their ability and have real opportunity in further education, or in the world of work.
	Your child's attendance is 90-94% "GREEN for GO" for good attendance, they are likely to achieve grades that will give them real opportunities to continuing their studies or in the world of work.
	Your child's attendance is 85-89% "AMBER - Take Care" as students will be missing up to 20 days each year and this will make it very difficult for them to achieve their best.
	Your child's attendance is 80-84% "RED light - Be Alert" as students are missing so much school that it will be very difficult for them to keep in touch with lessons or with work.
	Your child's attendance is below 80% "AT RISK - Immediate Action Needed" as students are missing so much time from school that it will be almost impossible for them to keep in touch with lessons or with work.

From the following link, you can review our school's attendance policy.

https://malmsburyyps.vic.edu.au/?attachment_id=1035

This policy outlines the key information about attendance expectations at Malmsbury Primary School along with important information about how to record any acceptable reasons for student absences.

If you have any questions or queries about student attendance, please don't hesitate to contact me. Once again, thank you for your continued focus on increased school attendance to support the academic and social and wellbeing growth of your children.

Kind regards,
Travis



Department
of Education

2024 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey:

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 29 July to Friday 30 August 2024**.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

You can access the survey at <https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

You can complete the survey using our school pin **913564**

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / caregivers / guardians who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school directly for survey guides in your language.

Last year we used the survey results to plan for student wellbeing and respectful relationships focus areas, developing student voice opportunities, focusing on developing our physical environment, and building communication practices.

If you would like more information about the survey, please feel free to come and see me.

Kind regards,
Travis Pool

Principal,
Malmsbury Primary School

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

Grade Prep/1:

This week in the Prep/1 room, we have been extremely busy incorporating the Olympics into our week! We have written about being an Olympian. We wrote our first draft in our books, and then typed up our work and illustrated it with a drawing of ourselves competing in our chosen sport. This was the first time for the Preppies, engaging in and completing the whole writing process. We also made paper planes and catapults and measured how long/high we could get our planes and pompoms. Maths can be so much fun! Check out the great writing the Prep/1's have achieved!



Grade 2/3:

Grade 2/3 kicked off their Potato Olympics project this week by transforming their potatoes into impressive Olympians. The students engaged in a variety of math activities that drew on their existing knowledge. They practiced measuring lengths and identifying objects that were heavier or lighter than their creatively decorated spuds. The students measured the length their potatoes travelled after rolling them and recorded the splash made when their potatoes dove into water. This hands-on approach combined measurement skills with a fun, interactive activity, reinforcing their understanding of both math and science concepts. We also delved into the history of the Olympics and explored the significance of each colour in the Olympic rings. The students learnt about the origins of the Games and discovered that the five interlocking rings represent the unity of the five continents involved, with each colour symbolising a different area of the world. The Potato Olympics project not only sparked their creativity and enthusiasm but also provided valuable learning experiences in measurement and the history of the Games. By engaging in these activities, they connected math and science concepts to a fun, real-world context, deepening their understanding and making their learning experience both memorable and enjoyable.





MPS OLYMPICS!

ON FRIDAY 9TH OF AUGUST, JOIN US FOR OUR MINI SCHOOL OLYMPICS!
THIS WILL BE HELD AT OUR SCHOOL, AT 11:30 - 1:30!

OUR EVENTS WILL BE, EQUESTRIAN, JAVELIN, SWIMMING,
HAMMER THROW, BREAK-DANCING AND A RELAY RACE!
NOW YOU MAY BE WONDERING,
'' SWIMMING AT MPS?! HAMMER THROW?! ''

WE HOPE YOU'LL HAVE AMAZING OLYMPICS WITH US, MPS!
JOIN US AT OUR QUIRKY VERSION OF THE OLYMPICS!



MT ALEXANDER FALCONS
JUNIOR GIRLS FOOTY
COME and TRY

FUN, SKILLS BASED SESSIONS
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

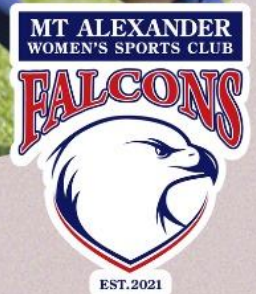
Monday 29 July, 5-6pm
HARCOURT RECREATION RESERVE

Sunday 4 August, 11am-12
HARCOURT RECREATION RESERVE

Monday 12 August, 5-6pm
HARCOURT RECREATION RESERVE

What to bring:
Runners/footy boots, drink
bottle, something warm

**For girls and gender
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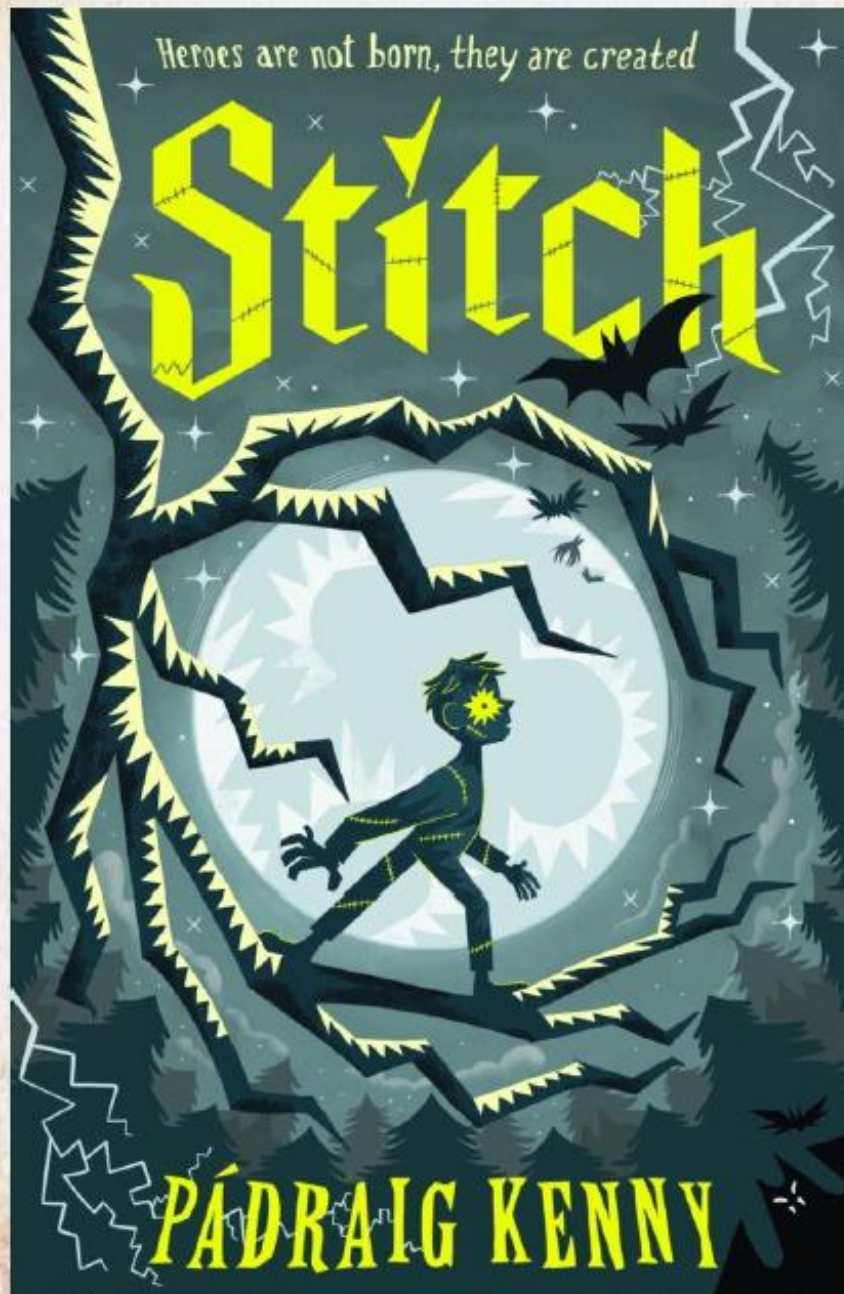


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