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IMPORTANT DATES Term 1

Wednesdays throughout February
– No Prep Students at School

Wednesdays 15th Feb– to 8th of
March- Volleyball Clinics at school

Monday 13th March– Labour Day
Public Holiday

Wednesday 15th to Monday 27th
March– NAPLAN Years 3 & 5

Thursday 6th of April– Final Day of
Term 1

Friday 7th April– Good Friday



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Malmsbury Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 1—Friday 3rd February 2023

Womin-dji-ka | Welcome

Welcome back to Malmsbury Primary School for 2023.

It was absolutely heart warming to watch all our wonderful students arrive back through the front of the school on Monday. It is amazing to see how much the kids have grown over the holiday period.

It has been a pleasure to wander through the classrooms and see how well our students have settled in to their new settings. So many great things happening across all the classes. I thank all the teachers and ES staff for all the work and preparation put in to ensure a strong start.

I would also like to say a big congratulations and welcome to our new Prep students on their first week of school. They have all definitely hit the ground running and feel a part of our Malmsbury family already.

Welcome to our new families as well. It is wonderful to have you a part of the Malmsbury family and I hope you have experienced a warm welcome by our community.

It is set to be a great term of learning and community engagement and I am looking forward to seeing how our students grow over the term and this year.

Welcome to our New Staff:

Performing Arts – Music:

It is with pleasure that I introduce Anna Zuidland as our new Music teacher. Anna is a Malmsbury local and is involved in a range of music groups across our community. She is excited to work with our children and provide opportunities for community performances across the year.

Auslan Teacher/Japanese:

Sharryn Morrice as our new languages teacher. Sharryn comes to us with a range of experience, teaching Japanese, Auslan, Music, Kitchen Garden and too many more strings to her bow to name here. I am excited to have Sharryn join our Malmsbury PS family in 2023. I'm sure you will all welcome her to our community.

OSHC Co-ordinator:

Pauline Kennedy joins Malmsbury Primary School as our OSHC co-ordinator. Pauline comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and has already connected well with our students over the first week. Pauline also has a strong background in the Arts and is looking forward to providing our students with a strong and engaging OSHC program.

Community Groups:

I am very keen to get the Community Groups Program up and running again this term. For those of you who are unaware of the program, this is where we invite community members to share their expertise in an area of interest with small groups of students in the last hour each Wednesday. In previous years there have been groups such as, Craft, Ramblers Science, Coding, Sports, Gardening, Boardgames, Building, Extension Art and more. Once we know what options will be on offer, students select an area to participate in and they are all yours to share your expertise with.

If this is something that you are keen to provide to the school and you are available on Wednesday afternoons from 2.30 to 3.30, please make contact with me so that we can get the ball rolling on this great community event. I am hoping that we can begin the Community Groups in Week 4, Wednesday the 22nd of February.

Sentral Parent Portal Replacing Konnective:

The Konnective Communication App that we currently use for parent communication notified us that the business is coming to an end. In the coming weeks we will begin the process of shifting our communications to the Sentral Parent Portal which connects directly with our Student Management System. The Sentral Parent Portal will provide us with more options around home and school communication and over time, access to a range of other features and facilities. Next week you will receive a letter from us that will provide you with information around downloading the Sentral App along with a Family Access Key, which will allow you connect to our Sentral System. This letter will also provide precise instructions on how to download and connect to the system.

Andy Rigby– Private Instrumental Lessons:

Andy has been into school to organise his private instrumental lessons for this year. He will be coming in on Mondays this year to teach piano and guitar. If you are interested in Andy's expertise for your child, please give him a call on 0400 865 228 to organise lessons on Mondays.

School Assemblies:

Once again, we will be holding our assembly each Friday starting at 3.10pm on the Blue Area at the front of the Music Room. Please feel free to come along and see all great work that students present and celebrate, hear about the sports achievements, join in the birthday wishes and sing along with our school chant. It would be great to see you all at our assemblies each Friday. If there is poor weather, we will hold the Assembly in the middle area of the main classroom building and you are still more than welcome to join us there.

Amenities Block Update:

It was great to see the builders in last week placing the temporary fencing around the work site and dropping off the site office. It is finally starting to feel like the project is underway. Over the next two weeks, the builders will be working on the ground preparation. During this time, we will still have access to the current toilet block while Portable Toilets are set up for student use. We are aware that there may be some students who may feel overwhelmed by using the portable toilets, but we are happy to make accommodations for the use of the staff toilets during this time as well.

Lunch Orders:

Friday Lunch Orders are back up and running again. You can either pick up a lunch order form from the office or just place your order directly at the bakery. Lunch orders need to be in to the school by Wednesday afternoons to allow time for the bakery to cater to all orders by Friday. Thanks again to Katherine and the bakery team for their support in providing this service for our school.

Breakfast Club – Looking for Community Volunteers Term 1:

If you are interested in supporting the Breakfast Club on Wednesday and Thursday in term 1, your support would be greatly appreciated. The following link is to the roster for the first 4 weeks of term 1. Please feel free to add your name to one of the days/dates that best suits.

[Term 1 Breakfast Club Volunteer Roster](#)

Second Hand Uniform Shop:

The wonderful Bobby will once again be running the Second-hand Uniform Shop every Wednesday from 3.15pm to 3.45pm. The cost is \$5 per item, so a great bargain is to be had.

I would also like to say a big thanks to those families that have dropped of a range of old uniforms to help supply the stall. Your donations are greatly appreciated. If you have any old or spare uniform that is still in good condition that you would be happy to donate to the stock, please feel free to drop this into the office. Any donations are most welcome.

Classroom Items

Grade Prep/1:

In the Prep/One room, we have been busy getting to know each other and setting our classroom routines and expectations. We have also engaged in play-based learning activities, learning literacy and mathematical concepts, and social skills through fun experiences!



Grade 2/3:

Opportunities to explore, observe, experiment, solve problems and build on relationships has been the focus for the grade 2/3 classroom this week. It has been wonderful to see the children explore their new classroom and become involved in the development of the classroom expectations, that will assist their learning.



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

Travis Pool, Principal

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