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### IMPORTANT DATES Term 1

Wednesdays 22nd Feb– to 8th of March plus Friday 10th March– Volleyball Clinics at school

Monday 6th to Friday 10th March– Parent Teacher Get to Know You Interviews

Monday 13th March– Labour Day Public Holiday

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

Monday 3rd April–Cross Country– 11.30 to 1.30

Thursday 6th April– Last Day of Term 1– 2.30 Finish time

Friday 7th April– Good Friday



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# Malmsbury Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 4—Friday 24th February 2023

## *Womin-dji-ka | Welcome*

Another busy week down as we head towards the middle of the term. This week brought us the Welcome Back BBQ which was a great turn out. Thanks to all the families that were able to come along. It was great seeing our community touring through the learning spaces and investigating the Frog Bog. I am looking forward to some more opportunities towards the end of the term to come together as a whole Community.

We also had our School Leader Elections and Voting this week. Everyone who was able to come along to the speeches have commented on how proud they all were with the quality of speeches by our students. I look forward to working with our School Leaders to continue to build a strong culture of student voice in our school.

Next week looks to not be as busy across the school, but some great events are coming up across the remainder of the term, such as the Parent Teacher Get To Know You Interviews, NAPLAN for the Grade 3 and 5 and our School Cross Country Event.

Please continue to stay tuned to our Important Dates Section for our various upcoming events over the remainder of the term.

### **Community Welcome Back BBQ:**

As mentioned, it was great to see so many families able to make it along on Tuesday. It was great to see people having the opportunity to catch up and chat with the staff in the rooms. I enjoyed walking through and seeing the joy our students had sharing their classrooms and work with family. I would like to say a big thanks to our wonderful staff for being so welcoming to our community across the night. I would also like to say a big thanks to our fantastic fundraising team for providing us with your time to organise, set up, cook and tidy up the BBQ and event. Your help and support is what helps to make our school a great community.

### **Community Groups:**

This coming Wednesday we will be starting our Community Groups Program for the next 4 weeks. Students will be nominating which activity they would like to take part in on Wednesday afternoons and will continue with their activity for the term. Thank you to Veronika who has volunteered to run a food and nutrition information group and also to Emma Warren for running a gardening group. It is not too late to nominate an activity that you would like to run. Please let me know if you are interested in running an activity with a small group of kids over the next 4 weeks.

### **Building Works:**

This Saturday, the builders will be demolishing the existing Toilet Block. As many of you will have seen, the portable toilets have been delivered and the kids have been fantastic in adapting to the change in toileting venue. I will continue to keep you all updated of the progress of the building works. I am excited to finally see the beginning of this much awaited and anticipated work. I am getting an updated set of drawings for the project. I will share these on the noticeboard once they arrive.

### **Lunch Orders:**

It was great to see all lunch orders in by Wednesday this week. I know the bakery really appreciate this as it does make their job easier.

Please remember that lunch orders are due at the Bakery by the close of business on Wednesdays. If you are handing your lunch order in to school, it would be great if this can be handed into the office by the end of each Tuesday. This will help avoid any disappointment on missing out. If you are placing your order directly with the Bakery, please ensure it is in by Wednesday. Any late lunch orders won't be accepted.

### **Get to Know You Parent Teacher Interviews:**

We will be holding our initial parent teacher– Get to know you – interviews between Monday the 6th through to Friday the 10th of March. This week you will receive the link to our School Interviews Site where you will be able to book a time with your child's teacher. All interview times will be after school with places from 3.45 through to 5pm. The booking system will be open from Tuesday to Friday of next week.

**CONTACT DETAILS:**

Have you changed address/work location since first enrolling at Malmsbury PS? Please ensure that we have your current details on file. If you need to check what current details we have, please see Jan on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday to review and update your information. This is key to ensuring we are easily able to make contact when needed.

**Working Bee:**

A reminder that there will be a Working Bee at school on Sunday the 5th of March to support a tidy up of the garden beds and some other areas of the school grounds. Thanks again to Amy Doran and Amy Watson for getting this up and running. Currently the list of jobs involves; refurbishing the garden beds and the front of the school, mulching garden beds, spreading soft fall topping across our playgrounds and general tidying up of outdoor areas around the school. I have placed a sign up sheet on the board at the front of the school. If you are able to spare any time at all across the day to help out, please add your name and time to the list. I look forward to seeing you there next Sunday the 5th.

**Breakfast Club– Looking for Community Volunteers Term 1:**

Thanks to Gina Scott, Lou Denton, and Emma Warren for supporting and running the Breakfast Club for students across Wednesdays and Thursdays. It would still be great to have another volunteer for Wednesday. The following link is to the roster for the first term. Please feel free to add your name to one of the days/dates that best suits.

[Term 1 Breakfast Club Volunteer Roster](#)

**Sentral Parent Portal Replacing Konnective :**

It has been great to see many families already registered to our new Sentral Parent Portal and App. Currently the Family Access Key that was provided in the invitation letter sent home last week will only work with one registered email address. If you would like for both parents to be able to sign up to the Parent Portal and App, please let me know and I will email through to you a separate Family Access Key that will allow a second parent to connect via their email address.

After registering, you can access the Sentral Parent Portal from both your computer and phone App. It should be reasonably simple to register with the Schools Parent Portal, but if you do have any difficulty, please drop in and see me to help get things going. Over the next few weeks we will make the transition to all our communication running through the Sentral Parent Portal from the Konnective App. I will make you aware when Konnective will no longer be used.

***Please ensure that you have connected to the Sentral App and website as soon as possible. Our old Konnective Site will be no longer in use by the end of March. Please let me know if you need a new invitation letter sent home to help set up on our Sentral System.***

**Second Hand Uniform Shop:**

Second-hand Uniform Shop is run by Bobbi every Wednesday from 3.15pm to 3.45pm. The cost is \$5 per item. Currently We have several pairs of school shoes that have been donated which are of a good quality, if you would like some of these for **FREE** please see Bobbi to have a look through for some new shoes.

**Drink bottles:**

Thank you to all those families and students who have made an extra effort to bring along drink bottles to school, especially on Thursday for PE classes. It was another warm day for lessons this week and everyone needed drink breaks. Please keep bringing them to school all week long.

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

Travis Pool, Principal

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## **Election of School Captains, House Captains, and Junior School Council:**

As mentioned in the Sentral and Konnective Communication on Thursday, we have run through the election and voting process for our 2023 School Leaders.

We were all so proud of the speeches presented. It shows what a great sense of community our students have.

It is my pleasure to announce the following students as our School Leaders for 2023.

Our **Malmsbury Primary School Captains** for 2023 are:

Elena S and Asher R

Our **Malmsbury Primary School House Captains** are:

Freeman- Sidney P-R and Layla C

Chisholm- Ami K and Elena S

Hollows- Eleanor H and Atticus S

The students who were unsuccessful in the voting process yesterday have been elected to our **Junior School Council**. I will be working closely with the Junior School Council (including our School Captains) over the year to help organise and run school events as well as being a voice for the students and helping to share their thoughts about how we can make our school even better.

I am excited to work with the following students on a regular basis to gain their input and action in building our values and student voice across the school.

Lucius H, Hayley D, Cooper K, Sully J, Anna D, and Will D.

Soon, each of the remaining classes will vote on their Junior School Council representatives to add to this group. After the Junior School Council is completed, we will be holding a special assembly where all School Captains, House Captains, and Junior School Council Representatives will be presented with their badges.

With the announcement of our 2023 student leaders, there always comes great joy and great disappointment. I commend all students on their bravery and resilience in accepting the outcomes of the election and voting processes. This is not always an easy thing to do and I am always on the lookout for other leadership opportunities that come up over the year.

I am excited to see how our students use their leadership positions to continue to build a strong supportive and progressive culture in our school over the year.

## Classroom Items

### Grade Prep/1-

This week, Preppies have explored the graphemes (letter shape) O, B, M and C and the sounds they make, and Grade ones are revisiting the digraphs 'sh, ch, th and qu'. There was quite a few excited Turtles in the Grade One's as they finally get to do 'staircase spelling'. Check out these photos of our amazing work!



### Grade 2/3-

This week in the grade 2/3 classroom we have been using conjunctions to expand our sentences so they can be utilised to their fullest extent. Children have been exploring ideas together as a class, connecting two simple sentences to form one compound sentence. It has been wonderful hearing all the creativity burst out from the children's minds.

### Grade 3/4-

In Grade 3/4 this week we have been focusing on addition and subtraction through a variety of different strategies such as splitting and vertical algorithms. We have also focused on renaming place value to help us solve a vertical algorithm for both addition and subtraction. Next week we will be focusing on multiplication and division.

## CROSS COUNTRY 2023

The Malmsbury PS House Cross Country is fast approaching and I am now on the lookout for volunteers to stand at course checkpoints during the event. If you are available to help out for the event, please contact me at [erin.rose@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:erin.rose@education.vic.gov.au) so I can start to get an idea of numbers. The event will be held on Monday April 3rd, the last week of term 1. The event will run between 11:30-1:30 with lunch and games to follow. We will be running at the Malmsbury Cricket Ground using the same track as previous years.

Prep, grade 1 and grade 2 students will participate in a Fun Run around the oval. 9 and 10 year old students will run a 2km track and 11 and 12 year old students will run a 3 km track. This age grouping is based on the age they turn by the end of 2023.

Due to the current works at school and many access restraints, it is very difficult to train safely at school. I am encouraging all families to try and get some training in at home after school or on weekends. This will definitely help kids with their stamina for the event.

Happy running!

# 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 2023, 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
Paul Chapman	Nil	Katherine Allen
Veronika Sultana		Chris Bromely
Mark James		
Asha Hudson		

This means that there will be a call for nominations for 4 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 2023

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023** - Notice of election and call for nominations (forms will be available from the office)

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023**- Closing date for nominations

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023** - The date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023** - The date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023** – Special first council meeting to appoint Community Members (the principal will preside) with existing members.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023** - Close of ballot

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023** - Vote Count

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023** – Declaration of poll

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023**– 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.



# Malmsbury Primary School OSHC

Week 5, Term 1, 25 February to 3 March, 2023

Framework Focus - Outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of identity. – “Children develop their autonomy, inter-dependence, resilience and sense of agency.” (My Time, Our Place. Framework for School Age Care in Australia)

Children have experience in adjusting to the OSHC timetable and developing their social skills such as negotiating games to play, collaborating in completing tasks and creating new roles and characters in their imaginative play. This week we help them to refine their developing skills to recognise their voice in the group and to *respectfully* respond to the ideas and suggestions from others.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Afternoon tea and snacks will always be gluten free.</b>				
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fresh fruit and water <u>is</u> always available. Students have their own marked water bottle they keep at OSHC for all their busy activities.</li> </ul>				

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Inside: Planting- Plant snow pea seeds in <u>diy</u> hanging baskets.	Inside: Planting- Plant snow pea seeds in <u>diy</u> hanging baskets.	Inside: Planting- Plant snow pea seeds in <u>diy</u> hanging baskets.	Inside: Planting- Plant snow pea seeds in <u>diy</u> hanging baskets.	Inside: Planting- Plant snow pea seeds in <u>diy</u> hanging baskets.
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Permanent activities- Drawing & mindfulness colouring, reading, building, and card games.				
Our OSHC children always have choices in what they would like to do.				