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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 5—Friday 3rd March 2023

Womin-dji-ka | Welcome

We have now hit the middle of the term.

This week turned out to be another eventful set of 5 days with Volleyball clinics running on Wednesday along with the beginning of the Term 1 Community Groups Program.

Next week brings us the Parent Teacher Get To Know You Interviews. This is a great opportunity for you as parents to share important information about your child. This will help our teachers develop more individualised learning for them. See below for information on registering a meeting time if you have yet to do so.

Over the next couple of weeks students in year 3 and 5 will be preparing for NAPLAN, and students preparing for our School Cross Country Event at the end of term.

Malmsbury Primary School Leaders– Badge Presentation:

Next Friday the 10th of March, Mary-Anne Thomas will be visiting the school to present our 2023 School Leaders with their Badges. We will be hosting a special assembly at 9.15am that will run for approximately half an hour. It would be fantastic if you are able to attend this assembly to watch and support our new school leaders.

Community Groups:

The Community Groups got off to a great start last Wednesday. It was great to see all the kids enjoying the activities in their chosen group. Students had fun with Dylan playing some different games outside. Teresa had a range of boardgames and card games that students were having a lot of fun learning and playing. Veronika and Emily had their students entranced with a variety of different whole foods and also learning about the way our bodies use them. Emma and Kathryn had their group working hard in the garden beds, preparing them for a new batch of growth.

Get to Know You Parent Teacher Interviews:

It is great to see how many people have booked their interviews next week with our teachers. This will be a great opportunity for you to discuss the needs of your child with our teachers. We find this information invaluable to help us to support each individual student in our classrooms.

All interview times are after school with places from 3.45 through to 6pm. I will be keeping the booking system open over the weekend, but will be closing it on Monday morning.

You can access the booking system at the following link-

www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/h67r6 Event Code h67r6.

Working Bee:

Thank you to all the parents and friends who have volunteered so far for our Working Bee at school this Sunday the 5th of March 9 to 12pm.

After meeting this morning, there are a range of jobs that are on the list.

- Refurbishing, weeding, trimming the garden beds at the front of the school
- Spreading Mulch on various garden beds
- Spreading softfall bark in the playground areas
- Reinvigorating the Fruit Tree area near the soccer pitch
- Setting up outdoor seating furniture in the Frog Bog area
- Raking, collection and removal of twig and stick piles
- Pressure washing buildings

It would also be great if you are able to help by providing any of the following items:

- Trailers
- Impact drivers
- Brooms/rakes/shovels...
- Wheelbarrows
- High pressure washers/additional hoses

Feel free to come and join us between 9am and 12pm, even if it is only for a short amount of time.

Thanks again to Amy Doran and Amy Watson for getting this up and running. I look forward to seeing you there this Sunday the 5th.

NAPLAN– March 15th to 27th:

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests are just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN tests also provide schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Today, I have sent home with all grade 3 and 5 students, a letter containing more information around the NAPLAN assessments. You can also access more information about the assessments from the following website for parents.

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/assessment/f-10assessment/naplan/Pages/parents/index.aspx>

Sentral Parent Portal Replacing Connective :

It's great to see even more people registering for our new School Communication System– Sentral Parent Portal, via the website and the smartphone app. On Monday I will resend email invitations to those parents who have not yet registered for the system. If you haven't updated any new email addresses in our system, you may need to check your old email for this invitation.

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 Connective App. I will make you aware when Connective will no longer be used.

Please ensure that you have connected to the Sentral App and website as soon as possible. Our old Connective 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.

CONTACT DETAILS:

Have you changed address/work location since first enrolling at Malmsbury PS? Please ensure that we have your current details on file. Next week we will be sending home a form that will provide you with the current contact details that we have for you and your family. If you need to update any of your details, 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.

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

Travis Pool, Principal

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MALMSBURY

MAIL AGM

SATURDAY

18 MARCH 4PM

**MALMSBURY TOWN
HALL**

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR
RESTARTING THE MALMSBURY MAIL
AND COME ALONG.

Contact: Nea 0419 874 735
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Classroom Items

Grade Prep/1-

This week in Prep/One, we have started incorporating our PMP lessons into our busy week. PMP, or Perceptual Motor Program helps us practice and strengthen our gross and fine motor skills through activities that involve balance, hand/eye and eye/foot coordination, as well as hopping, jumping and skipping. It also enhances our listening and memory skills as we have to follow and remember the directions. We did find the heel/toe walk required a lot of concentration on our part!



Grade 2/3-

In the 2/3 classroom this week, we have been developing mental maths strategies to assist us when using addition. Learning mental maths strategies helps children develop their concentration, memory and problem solving skills. Mental math can help children understand math concepts better and get to the answer faster. This week has been about finding the strategy that works best for them. Next week we will develop strategies for subtraction.

Grade 5/6– Investigating 3D Shapes– Faces, Edges, and Vertices



CROSS COUNTRY 2023

The Malsbury 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 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 Malsbury 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!

COMMUNITY GROUPS TERM 1





Malsbury Primary School OSHC

Week 6, Term 1, 6 to 10 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 recognise their talents and abilities and share them with their team mates. We help them acknowledge and value the abilities of others and ask for help.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Afternoon tea and snacks will always be gluten free.				
Make your own snacks such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit kebabs • Bean nacho dips 	Make your own snacks such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit kebabs • Bean nacho dips 	Make your own snacks such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit kebabs • Bean nacho dips 	Make your own snacks such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit kebabs • Bean nacho dips 	Make your own snacks such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit kebabs • Bean nacho dips
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresh fruit and water is always available. Students have their own marked water bottle they keep at OSHC for all their busy activities. 				

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Inside: Continue with their Super Power Persona	Inside: Continue with their Super Power Persona	Inside: Continue with their Super Power Persona	Inside: Continue with their Super Power Persona	Inside: Continue with their Super Power Persona
Outside: Playground parkour games practising their Super Power!	Outside: Playground parkour games practising their Super Power!	Outside: Playground parkour games practising their Super Power!	Outside: Playground parkour games practising their Super Power!	Outside: Playground parkour games practising their Super Power!
Permanent activities- Drawing & mindfulness colouring, reading, building, and card games. Our OSHC children always have choices in what they would like to do.				