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# Malmsbury Primary School

## Newsletter

Term 3 Week 1—Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### IMPORTANT DATES Term 3

Saturday 15th July—  
Kyneton Football Club Indigenous  
Round

Parent Teacher interviews— Week  
3— 17th to 23rd July— Grades Prep  
to Grade 4

Thursday 10th August— District  
Athletics for students that qualify

Wednesday 16th August—  
Community Group Sessions Begin

### MAJOR EVENT

December— 150th Anniversary of  
Malmsbury Primary School

### ***Womin-dji-ka | Welcome***

Welcome back to everyone for term 3 and the start of Semester 2. I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday break and that you are all refreshed for another term. It was great to hear about all the wonderful things that students got up to on the holidays, and to also hear about some overseas trips that some people were lucky enough to go on over the break.

Everyone has settled back well during the week, and it is great to see the school full of people again. This term looks to be a quieter term with just a handful of events happening, such as our Parent/Teacher interviews, Community Groups Program, District Athletics, and the continuation of the Amenities Block Build. I look forward to what the term brings for us all.

### **Prep to Grade 4 Parent Teacher Interviews Week 3— 24th to 28th of July:**

The parent teacher interview session (Term 3 Parent/Teacher Interviews) is now open for students from Prep to Grade 4 classes. It has been great to see many Parents have already booked their interview with their child's teacher/s already.

We had originally set interviews to run across next week, but due to a couple of unforeseen events, we have had to push the interviews back to week 3, Monday the 24th to Friday the 28th of July.

You can make your bookings via the Sentral App, through the interviews button. Select your child's teacher, then day and time slot. This can also be done via the Sentral Online Portal website. The booking system will close next Friday the 21st at 5pm.

If you require an interview outside the time slots available, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a suitable time.

As this is the first time that many of you will be using Sentral to book interviews, please let me know if you have any trouble finding where and how to book an interview time.

For any parents of our grade 5/6 students who were unable to meet last term and would like to catch up with Christie, please contact her via email to organise an interview time.

### **Frog Bog Opening—Postponed**

Unfortunately due to a number of factors, we have had to postpone our Grand Opening until early in term 4. I am planning to book this in for week 2 of term 4. An exact day will be confirmed in the coming weeks. The grand opening will occur after school, with a range of classroom and specialist class presentations and special guests as part of the opening. Please stay tuned for more information towards the end of this term.

### **Community Groups Return in Term 3:**

This term sees the return of our Community Groups Program. This will run for a 4 to 5 week block beginning in week 6, Wednesday the 16th of August from 2.30 to 3.30pm.

In term one, groups included Sport, Gardening, Food Appreciation and Boardgames. I have had a handful of people discuss some activities that they would like to run and I am keen to hear of any others that you may be interested in sharing with our students. Currently we have some parents who will run a Food Appreciation Group, Yoga/ mindfulness group, River Detectives, and a Knitting group.

If you do have an idea for a community group that you would like to run in Term 3, please get in touch with me to join in the fun.

### **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. We also have a number of free pairs of shoes that are still in good condition. They are worth having a look at if a new or back-up pair of shoes are needed.

Your donations are greatly appreciated to help supply this essential service for our school. We are running very low on sizes 10, 12, 16 in shirts and jumpers. If you or someone you know has any old or spare uniform that is still in good condition, please feel free to drop this into the office. All donations are most welcome and greatly appreciated.



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### **Holiday Building Works:**

You will have noticed a couple of little changes as you entered the school on your return this term. Over the holiday break, Peter Budd completed repairs on the weatherboards at the front of the school. With the Sports Shed due to be removed in the near future, Peter was able to repurpose a number of weatherboards from the shed in the repairs. We are now looking at painting options for the building to help bring it back to life and to be a great sight as people enter our school. I would like to say thank you to Peter for his fabulous work in helping to restore the building.

### **School Photos:**

It was great to finally have our School Photos arrive at school yesterday. It is always a joy watching students and teachers getting their first glimpse at the final product. The photos all look fantastic. With the technical error that caused MSP photography to be delayed in their ordering system, please let me know if any of your orders are incomplete or have not been delivered. I will follow up these queries with MSP.

### **Volunteers for the Library:**

Last Term, our School Technician was able to get our computerised library borrowing system up and running again. It had been around 4 to 5 years since the system was updated and synchronised with our students' details. This has enabled library borrowing and tracking of loans to be back up and running. What we are now looking for is some community volunteers that would be happy to help ensure that all books in the library are catalogued and accounted for on the system. This requires all books in the library to be scanned to check their current status, and also to set up new books with barcodes and entered into the system. If this is something that you are able to help us out with, please let either myself or Jan know.

### **Breakfast Club Roster Term 3:**

It was great to see Breakfast Club up and running again this week. I would like to say a huge thanks to Gina, Lou, Amy and Matt for your continued support in volunteering to ensure that Breakfast Club can continue to run smoothly and consistently for our students.

It would be fantastic to see any other parents who may be looking for ways to support our school, to help out with Breakfast Club this term. If you are able to provide any support at any time for Breakfast Club on Wednesday and/or Thursday in term 3, your time would be greatly appreciated. The following link is to the roster for the term. Please feel free to add your name to one of the days/dates that best suits. Please feel free to make contact if you have any further queries about volunteering for our Breakfast Club.

[Term 3 Breakfast Club Volunteer Roster](#)

### **School Lunch Orders:**

School lunch orders are back in full swing for term 3. Lunch order forms can be found in the office. Thank you to the Malmsbury Bakery team for providing this great service for our students (and staff).

You can place your orders both at the school and directly with the bakery. Just a reminder that all lunch orders are due in to the Bakery by the **close of business on Wednesday**. 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 enable us to get the orders down to the Bakery on Wednesday mornings. Any orders that come into school on Wednesday afternoons will be pushed back to the following week's orders as we cannot guarantee we are able to drop them off in time.

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

Travis Pool, Principal

Travis.Pool@education.vic.gov.au

## **Athletics 2023**

Term 3 brings us to athletics time in the PE world, time for lots of running, jumping and throwing. All classes will be able to experience learning the techniques for different field events (modified where age appropriate) and run as fast as they can during the first few weeks of PE this term.

Unfortunately, due to ongoing building works, lack of access to local grounds during Winter months and, as always, unpredictable weather, we are not going to hold the MPS House Athletics Carnival this year.

Trials for students to be selected for the CDSSA Athletics Carnival will be held during PE class times for Grade 3-6 students. This has already begun this week with high jump and shotput. The athletics carnival will be held on Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup> at the La Trobe Athletics Complex. If students are selected for the team, they will bring home their permission forms in week 3 of term. Students will need to be transported to this event by parents due to our small team size and colossal bus costs.

More info to follow.

Thanks,  
Erin

## **NAPLAN Results Year 3 & 5 Students- Upcoming changes to NAPLAN reporting**

Ahead of NAPLAN results for students being released from Monday 17 July 2023, I'm writing to inform you of some changes to this year's reporting. These are changes being introduced nationally by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

NAPLAN will continue to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation but the results will now be presented in 4 proficiency levels:

These are:

- exceeding
- strong
- developing
- needs additional support.

This change will give schools, parents and carers clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency levels.

Students' NAPLAN reports will continue to show how they are tracking against their peers and provide an indication of their skill levels against national averages and where we would expect them to be in order to get the most out of schooling. This provides valuable information to teachers about how we can continue to support your child.

Each set of NAPLAN results is an important milestone but it's also important that students know that one result does not define them – these results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to get the best from their learning.

When we provide you with your results, you will also receive information about what the new proficiency levels mean.

As ever, you're welcome to speak to me, with any questions about these changes.

Travis

# CLASSROOM AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's award winners– Rui, Luna, and Archie



## AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

### Grade Prep/1:

We have a fantastic start to Term 3, everyone is keen and ready to learn, we must of all had a restful, relaxing break! In Literacy we are writing our own book, 'The Very Hungry Tadpole'. Yes, we are becoming authors and publishers! In Maths, we are looking at place value, which is a tricky concept, but we are getting it and learning the difference between the meaning of a digit and a number. Again, very tricky concept, but once we grasp it, we are well on the way to being great Mathematicians!

Also, a BIG welcome to Iversen♥ She is a new Grade One student, who has fitted into our class beautifully! I am very proud of the way our inclusive Turtles have welcomed and included Iversen into every part of MPS!



### Grade 2/3:

This week in the grade 2/3 classroom, in Science, we have been learning about how things grow, change and have similar offspring to themselves. We have also been learning about, how living things have different life cycles and depend on each other and the environment to survive. This week we looked out our own life cycle and how we have developed from birth to childhood and how we may look as an adult. Next week we will be looking at our facial features and how they have changed from when we were a baby. I have asked the children to bring a photo in or email a photo in of themselves when they were a baby. We are going to be looking at these baby photos next week and using the facial features to guess who each photo belongs to. I look forward to seeing all the baby photos and how much all the children have changed over the years.

### Grade 3/4:

This week in Grade 3/4 we have been working on persuasive writing and have had a particular focus on persuasive devices. Emotive language, exaggeration and rhetorical questions have been our focus for this week. We have produced a number of strong and engaging persuasive writing pieces using these devices.

### Grade 5/6:

This week in the 5/6 classroom we have introduced the idea of having a growth mindset and put this into practice with difficult and collaborative tasks. It has been fantastic to see everyone willing to take on challenging tasks and encouraging their peers to do their best.

For Science this term, we will be exploring microorganisms. On Monday we investigated the effect of yeast on different types of bread. The students really enjoyed describing the texture, smell and especially taste!

Our Humanities focus for this term is Economics and Business. We began the topic by researching consumer fads from the past and by the end of the lesson, we had all learnt some very interesting facts about furbies, pet rocks and marbles.

## Local club celebrate Indigenous Round

The Kyneton Football Netball Club (KFNC) is proud to announce that it will be hosting an Indigenous Round to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of our Indigenous communities. The event will take place on July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Showgrounds, and is set to showcase the talents of local Indigenous elder and artist Mick Harding.

The event will feature Kyneton Seniors and Netballers take on South Bendigo while our Womens Senior Football team will host Romsey. The round will also include a smoking ceremony to provide a deeper understanding of Indigenous culture and history.

2023 Daffodil King and local Restaurant owner Mark James is proud to announce his support for Indigenous Round, "Donkey Kyneton is very proud to sponsor the inaugural Indigenous Round. As long-time supporters of the Tigers' AFLW team we really appreciate the drive they have to make the game incredibly inclusive with the round to acknowledge our first nation brothers and sisters a fantastic progression. We can't wait to see the Tigers have a great win on the day".

The KFNC is committed to promoting inclusivity and diversity in sport, and the Indigenous Round is just one of the many initiatives it has undertaken to achieve this goal. The event is open to all members of the community, and the KFNC encourages everyone to come along and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of our Indigenous community.

Thanks to Donkey and Sunbury Cobaw and Community Health for their ongoing support.

Any questions or comments visit [kynetonfnc.com/events](http://kynetonfnc.com/events) or contact

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The poster features a yellow background with a faint pattern of Indigenous symbols. At the top left are the Australian and Victorian state flags. To the right is a stylized eagle. The central text reads 'INDIGENOUS ROUND 15TH JULY'. Below this is a photo of Uncle Mick Harding in a forest, wrapped in a blanket, with a 'LIVE' icon. To the right of the photo is a black box with white text: '5PM WELCOME TO COUNTRY AND SMOKING CEREMONY CONDUCTED BY TAUNGURUNG MEMBER, UNCLE MICK HARDING'. Below the photo, the schedule is listed: 'GAMES FROM 10AM -BFNL KYNETON V SOUTH BENDIGO' and '5:30PM RDFNL SENIOR WOMENS KYNETON V ROMSEY'. At the bottom, it says 'PROUDLY SPONSORED BY' followed by logos for Donkey, Sunbury Cobaw, and Community Health.

  **INDIGENOUS ROUND**  
15TH JULY



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FROM **July**  
**2023**

# Are you eligible for help with child care fees?

From July 2023, **Child Care Subsidy (CCS)** is increasing. Some families previously not eligible will now get it.

The changes mean early childhood education and care is now more affordable for more families.

**Making early childhood education and care more affordable has benefits for children and their families, communities and Australia.**

From July 2023:

More families will be eligible

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children can get at least 36 hours of subsidised care.



## What you need to know



The maximum amount of CCS is increasing from 85% to 90% for families earning \$80,000 or less.

90%

Families earning over \$80,000 and under \$530,000 may get a subsidy starting from 90%. Depending on their income, the subsidy will go down by 1% for each \$5,000 of income they earn.



The income limit for CCS is increasing to \$530,000 a year. This means more families will be eligible.



Families earning below \$362,408 with more than one child aged 5 or under in care can get a higher rate of CCS for one or more of their children.



Families with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children can get at least 36 hours of subsidised care per fortnight for that child. This is regardless of their family's activity level.

For more information about eligibility requirements for CCS, go to [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/childcaresubsidy](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/childcaresubsidy)

## What you need to do

If your family earns below \$530,000 you may be entitled to CCS from 10 July. Check your eligibility for CCS by **making a claim** using your Centrelink online account through myGov or your Express Plus Centrelink mobile app.

For more information about how to claim CCS, go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/how-to-claim-child-care-subsidy](http://servicesaustralia.gov.au/how-to-claim-child-care-subsidy)

## If you have an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander child

From 10 July 2023, families can get at least 36 hours of subsidised care per fortnight for each Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander child in their care and attending child care. Families may get more than 36 hours of subsidy per fortnight based on their circumstances and the amount of recognised activity they do.

If you would like to get at least 36 hours of subsidised care, you should contact Services Australia to update your child's CCS details. It's voluntary for you to tell Services Australia this. For more information go to [Services Australia](http://Services Australia).

## How much will you pay

Use the CCS Calculator at [startingblocks.gov.au](http://startingblocks.gov.au) to find out what your family might pay.

For more information about Child Care the Subsidy increase, visit [childcaresubsidy.gov.au](http://childcaresubsidy.gov.au).

## Find a service near you

To find and compare children's education and care services, visit [startingblocks.gov.au](http://startingblocks.gov.au).

For more information visit [childcaresubsidy.gov.au](http://childcaresubsidy.gov.au)

