



Malmsbury Primary School

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 3—Friday 28th July 2023

Respect
Responsibility
Inclusiveness
Honesty

IMPORTANT DATES Term 3

Friday 4th August— National
Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islanders Day

Thursday 3rd August— District
Aths permission notes due back at
school (selected students only)

Thursday 10th August— District
Athletics for students that qualify

Wednesday 16th August—
Community Group Sessions Begin

Book Week 2023—
20th to 26th August

Friday 25th August— Wear It
Purple Day: Supporting Safe and
Inclusive environments

MAJOR EVENTS

Wednesday 11th October—
Frog Bog Grand Opening

Saturday December 2nd— 150th
Anniversary of Malmsbury Primary
School



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Womin-dji-ka | Welcome

It has been another great week at Malmsbury Primary School. The weather has started to change and we were able to enjoy some lovely playtimes in the sun over the week. We have been able to set a date for the 150th celebration in December with more information further below. We have also started to see more movement at the amenities block building site. I am hopeful that the structural steel will be going in at some point next week (fingers crossed). This week, I have also posted on Facebook, some new information around school tours and our Prep Transition dates for the end of the year. Feel free to share this post across other platforms to help spread the word. If you know of anyone in the area who is still looking to enrol their child, please let them know to call in for a tour and chat.

Prep to Grade 4 Parent Teacher Interviews:

It was fantastic to see all our parents and carers coming in over the past week. It is always a great opportunity to meet with your teachers and work together to celebrate the social, emotional, and academic growth of our students. This has also been a great chance to set the future directions of each students learning over the remainder of the year. If you were unable to meet with your child's teacher this week, please don't hesitate to make contact with them to organise some time to hopefully catch up next week.

Community Groups Term 3:

We are getting closer to the start of our Community Groups program for Term 3. 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.

Thank you to the parents who have already nominated to run some great activities with the students. We are still looking for someone who loves veggie gardens to help out with setting up our garden beds for the coming warmer months.

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:

Bobby is 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.

Volunteers for the Library:

I would like to say a huge thank you to Tamara, Sarah G and Jess S, for all the work you have done this week scanning in the books to our library borrowing system. We are very appreciative of the work you are doing to help set up the library and update the borrowing system for our students.

To help lighten the load, if you too have some time during the next couple of weeks to help out, please let either myself or Jan know when you may be available. Any time you can spare, whether it be 10 mins or a couple of hours is always helpful.

Breakfast Club Roster Term 3:

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](#)



150th Celebration– Saturday 2nd of December 2023:

We have been able to set a date for the 150th Celebration of the Bluestone building. The Celebration is set to occur on Saturday the 2nd of December with a tentative time of 10am to 2pm.

We have a number of ideas of how the celebration will run, but will be forming a committee with representatives across the community. I will be meeting with the historical society in the next week or so and also connecting with community members to help build the Celebration Committee.

If you are keen to be a part of the committee or know of someone who would bring great value to the committee in developing the celebration, please contact me at school to register interest.

Chess Club Tournament:

The Chess Club organisers are putting together a Chess Tournament later this term. They have had a couple of students register their interest in the tournament, and would love to have many more join in. If your child enjoys a game of chess and is interested in entering the tournament at the end of the term, they can let Oscar, Parker, Bastian or myself know.



Athletics 2023

We completed our Athletics unit in PE classes this week with a review of high jump, shot put and discus. Students also did some shuttle relays and the Prep/1 class had a go at some low hurdles.

The team for the Cobaw District Athletics carnival has now been (99%) finalised and participating students brought home permission forms this week. Please endeavour to have these back by next **Thursday, August 3rd**. I will then be able to confirm everyone's transport to the event. Travis and I will meet the team there on the day. Students will need to be at the La Trobe Athletics Complex in Bendigo by 10am on Thursday August 10th.

Please contact me at erin.rose@education.vic.gov.au with any questions.

Cheers,
Erin

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

Travis Pool, Principal

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CLASSROOM AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's award winners– Lexi P, Indigo P, Elliot M, and the entire Grade 3/4 Class.



Our own Malsbury Triple Zero Heroes:

This week, one of our current students and past students were recognised as Triple Zero Heroes at an official ceremony held at the MCG on Wednesday. We are very proud of how Oscar C and James H-D were able to stay calm under pressure during a tense event, where they were confident enough to call 000 to seek emergency support for their mother. The boys were able to tag team on the phone and provide support, all the while keeping calm during the event. Both boys received medals for their efforts and even got interviewed by Channel 9 who were reporting on the recognition ceremony. Hopefully some of you caught the vision on the Wednesday edition of the four o'clock news.

Well done Oscar and James. We are so proud of your efforts and you are great role models for our school community.



AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

Grade Prep/1:

This week in Prep/Ones, we have been busy improving our spelling, using a few different strategies. One fun strategy is using picture cards and think about the phonemes in the word and then write it. Our Preps can write words with up to 5 phoneme sounds! We also have explored split digraphs, where the vowel team is split, but they still influence each other. We are truly clever little turtles!

Grade 2/3:

Every Tuesday afternoon, the grade 2/3 classroom explores a range of digital technologies. This week we explored the coding program, coding.org. In this technology session, the students took part in an introductory experience with coding and computer science in a safe and supportive environment. Students were able to watch demonstrative videos (a sort of how to do video), where they were taken through step by step on how to code their Minecraft characters around to collect treasures. The children were quite engaged with this lesson and were very proud of themselves, for being successful in their coding journey. And so was I!

Grade 3/4:

This week in 3/4 we have been working on inferring. We have learnt that inferring is taking clues from a text and working out what the author is telling us. We have been applying these skills to our class text The Afghanistan Pup.

DRAWING CLUB

Over the last two weeks, Maya, Audrey, and Sorcha have been running a drawing club on Thursday lunchtimes. It is great to see so many student make use of this quiet time in the library, showing their creativity. Well done for setting up this club.





Australian Government

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

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

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.

How much will you pay

Use the CCS Calculator at startingblocks.gov.au to find out what your family might pay.

For more information about Child Care the Subsidy increase, visit childcaresubsidy.gov.au.

Find a service near you

To find and compare children's education and care services, visit startingblocks.gov.au

For more information visit childcaresubsidy.gov.au



Port Douglas Yoga & Wellness Retreat

August 27th to September 2nd
\$1995 - all inclusive

Contact us at Akari Yoga to book
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Active KIDS Sports

Kids (3-5 years) will learn a variety of ball games, to improve motor skills, technique and interact with other children.

Time and location

Wednesdays 10.00-10.45am
Buffalo Sports Stadium, Woodend

Book now

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