

# Malmesbury Primary School

## Newsletter

Term 3 Week 4—Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Respect  
Responsibility  
Inclusiveness  
Honesty

### IMPORTANT DATES Term 3

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

Wednesday 9th of August– 100  
Days of Prep –Whole School  
Dress up Day

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 Malmesbury  
Primary School



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

Once again, it has been a busy week as we head towards the middle of the term. It has been great to see attendance back up again this week after a bout of illness across some of our classes.

Next week, the annual Parent Opinion Survey opens for responses and I encourage all families to complete the survey. There is more information around this further in the newsletter. We also have our Community Groups program for Term 3 starting in just under 2 weeks time and I look forward to seeing the students enjoying the activities on offer.

### **100 Days of Prep Celebration– Next Wednesday 9th of August**

Our wonderful Preps are 100 (plus a few) days smarter and to celebrate, we are going to have a whole school dress up day next Wednesday 9th of August. Come dressed up as a student who went to school 100 years ago or as a student 100 years in the future. If dressing up isn't your thing, you could bring a collection of 100, a hundred buttons, a hundred seedpods, a hundred matchsticks... let your imagination run free! (Note: please remember you are responsible for what you bring along, so 100 hundred matchbox cars or 100 Barbies may not be a great idea!)

### **Community Groups Term 3:**

We are now only a couple of weeks away 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 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. Thank you to Kristina who has volunteered her time to help out with the veggie gardens. This coming week, students will put forward their preferences for groups. Students will know their final groups by next Friday. Once again, thanks to Veronika– Food Appreciation, Emma H– Mindfulness, Chris B– River Detectives, Pauline– Knitting, and Kristina– Veggie Gardens, for volunteering your time to run our community groups this term. #teammalmesbury

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

I would like to say a huge thank you to Tamara, Sarah G, and Jess S for the power of work you have done in the library. Thanks also to our new volunteers, Kelly J and Kristina S, for also making contact to help out next week. We are very appreciative of the work you are doing to help set up the library and update the borrowing system for our students.

If you too are looking for a way to be involved with the school, 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.

### **150th Celebration– Saturday 2nd of December 2023:**

Thank you to the community members who have nominated to be part of the 150th Celebration Committee. We are still looking for some more members and I will be touching base with some locals in the next week to discuss their possible involvement in organising the celebration.

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 your interest.

### **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.

### **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.

Thank you also to Kathryn A, who has forwarded me information on some upcoming external Chess Tournaments that are happening in our area over the next couple of months. Please see the information further on in this newsletter regarding the Northern Star Chess Tournament occurring in Macedon on the 28th of August.

### **District Athletics Team 2023:**

Thank you to everyone selected for returning your permission forms for the District Athletics. Students will need to be at the LaTrobe Athletics Complex in Bendigo by 10am on Thursday the 10th of August. Field events and the 800m races will begin at 10.30am. All other track events will begin from 11am. As per the organising group's directives, throughout the day parents are not permitted to enter the track and field area. All parents are to watch their child's events from the surrounding fence line.

Erin and Travis will be in attendance at this event throughout the day. If your child, or the students who you may have transported to the event have finished before the end of the day, you are welcome to leave the event. When leaving, please ensure that you have seen Travis to sign out the students that you are taking with you. This is so that we are able to easily keep track of students across the day.

Please contact me at [erin.rose@education.vic.gov.au](mailto: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– Maya, Peggy, Arlo, Oscar, Louis, Liam, Rui, Teagan, Iversen, Kota, Otto, and Mahla.



## **2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey:**

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Once again this year, all families are invited to participate in the survey. Each family will have received an email from me with the survey link and login instructions. Please let me know if you require another copy of this information.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Please feel free to come and see me if you would like more information.

Travis

## **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

### **Grade Prep/1:**

This week in Prep/Ones, we have continued to explore the Australian currency and their value. We are extremely clever cookies and can identify the coins we need to purchase an item, add the values and are starting to work out the correct change! Phew, very clever turtles!

### **Grade 2/3:**

We have been working on our writing skills this week in the Grade 2/3 classroom. We have been using our voice and reading texts, using the punctuation to guide our expression. The students have been creating some wonderful writing pieces, using their punctuation to guide their voice. Next week we will work on this further and look at other forms of stories, to further provide an understanding of how punctuation may be used.

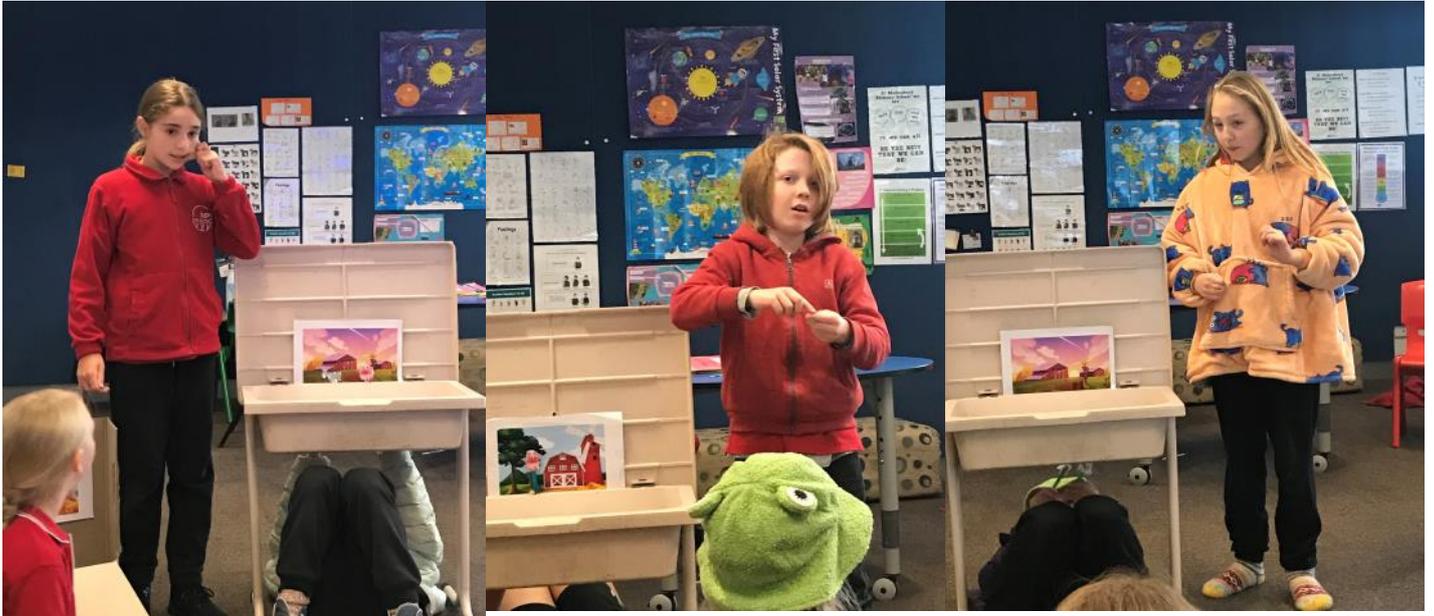
### **Grade 5/6:**

This week in the grade 5/6 classroom we continued with our investigation of yeast and explored how it reacts in different temperatures. Students placed yeast, sugar, and water in small plastic bottles with a balloon on top. They hypothesised that yeast would react the most with the hot water, meaning that balloon would grow the most. But surprisingly, we discovered that the warm water worked the best, and that hot temperatures kill the yeast.

Students this week have finalised their information reports on topics of their choice, using Google Docs and practicing submitting assignments online. I have noticed a big improvement in their paragraph structures and looking forward to seeing this learning come through in our next assignment.

# AUSLAN

During Auslan this term and last, all students have been learning about pets, farmyard animals and how to describe them, culminating this term in them pairing up and creating a dialogue about farm yard characters for a stick puppet play. All students, younger and older have creatively collaborated with others to construct sentences describing their animal puppets, using their ever developing grasp of Auslan.





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*Enquiries: [info@northernstarchess.com](mailto:info@northernstarchess.com)*

### **Northern Star Chess - Interschool Zonal Chess tournament 28 August**

Northern Star Chess is proud to be conducting a full program of face to face zonal tournaments this year for Primary and Secondary School students. We would like to invite your child(ren) to participate in the tournament detailed below. Many of our tournaments do fill up, and we recommend early bookings for this or other events

Our Chess tournaments are individual-based events. If your child is not participating with a team from their school, they can still qualify for the state level events. Emphasis is on participation and the opportunity to experience tournament conditions.

The top 30% of all students at this tournament qualify to represent your school at the NSC Victorian Schools State Final series, which is conducted by Northern Star Chess in term 4.

#### **Monday 28 August at Alice Miller School – Secondary Open Zonal**

**Address:** 110 Bailey Rd, Macedon  
**Time:** 9:30 am – 2:15 pm (approx)  
**Cost:** The cost per student is \$20.  
(Payment by cash at sign in on the day)

**Please Note:** It is up to the parent to liaise with their child's school regarding taking the day off for the event.

#### **Format:**

- Individual based tournament
- Every student plays 7 games against players of similar skill, regardless of how many games they win or lose (Swiss pairing method)
- Students experience proper tournament rules
- Gold/Silver/Bronze medals awarded to various grade/year level categories
- "Star of the tournament" trophy for top scorer of the day
- Table prizes/giveaways.
- Northern Star Chess State Final or Semi-final qualifications announced at the end of tournament based on results for the day.

#### **How to register:**

Register online for free with Trybooking.com using any of the methods below:

1. Scan QR code for booking page
2. [Click on this link](#) for booking page (if you see a clickable link)
3. Type the URL below in your browser for booking page



<https://www.trybooking.com/CFONG>

**Enquiries: [info@NorthernStarChess.com](mailto:info@NorthernStarChess.com)**

**Further information and calendar: [www.NorthernStarChess.com/Tourney\\_Zonal.html](http://www.NorthernStarChess.com/Tourney_Zonal.html)**



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](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)



# Port Douglas Yoga & Wellness Retreat

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

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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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