

# Malmsbury Primary School

## Newsletter

Term 3 Week 5—Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Respect  
Responsibility  
Inclusiveness  
Honesty

### IMPORTANT DATES Term 3

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

Tuesday 29th August—  
School Council Meeting

### 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***

Well once again the middle of the term has come upon us very quickly. This week, the annual Parent Opinion Survey opened and it is great to see some families have already submitted responses. I encourage all families to complete the survey. I have again placed the information on how to access the survey in this newsletter.

This week also saw the District Athletics Competition in Bendigo. It was a fantastic day for all and our students competed well and were all great representatives and role models for Malmsbury PS. I would also like to say a huge thank you to Erin for all the work she has put in to ensure that our students could be a part of this great event. Also a big thanks to all the parents who attended and helped out with transport and running events on the day.

This coming week sees the beginning of our Term 3 Community groups program. The students are very excited about joining in the different activities on offer.

### **Dylan's Adventures to Europe in Term 4:**

Dylan will be taking leave for term 4 to travel overseas and around Europe. Dylan and his partner Emma are very much looking forward to living out a dream of having a white Christmas and experiencing all that Europe has to offer.

I am happy to announce that during Dylan's leave, Siobhan Moody will be stepping into the 3/4 classroom full time. There has been a lengthy process in the background to help ensure that we could secure Siobhan in the role.

Siobhan has an extensive knowledge of our students and will make for a seamless transition in teaching for them all. Siobhan is very much looking forward to getting back in front of the classroom and continuing the learning for all students.

We all wish Dylan the best for his travels and look forward to seeing updates of his and Emma's adventures and experiences across Europe. We look forward to seeing Dylan back in the classroom at the start of 2024.

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

On Wednesday, our Prep/1 classroom celebrated the Preps' first 100 days of schooling. Kathryn did a fantastic job at setting up a range of activities connected with the number 100. The students had a fantastic time joining in with all the activities and investigating everything to do with the number 100.

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

This coming week brings up the first session of our Community groups for Term 3. Students have nominated their groups and are looking forward to all the fun to be had each Wednesday for the next few weeks. Once again, thanks to Veronika— Food Appreciation, Emma H—Mindfulness, Chris B— River Detectives, Pauline— Knitting, Dylan— Sports, and Kristina— Veggie Gardens, for volunteering your time to run our community groups this term. Stay tuned for updates via Facebook and the Newsletter. #teammalmsbury

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

Once again, I would like to say a huge thank you to Tamara, Sarah G, Jess S, Kelly J, Siobhan M, and Kristina S for the power of work you have done in the library. Because of all your efforts, we are nearly through the first stage of scanning all the books in the library. Hopefully this will be completed in the coming week. The next stage is adding all the uncatalogued books to the system, adding barcodes and call numbers.

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 and most 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 you 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.

### **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.

### **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.

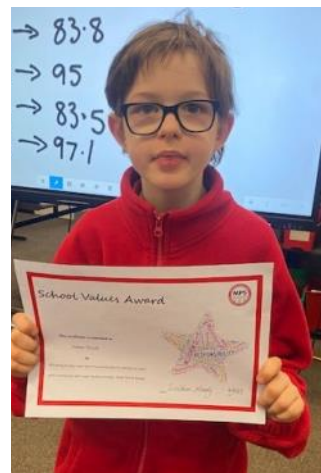
*Have a safe and happy weekend everyone and thank you for your continued support.*

Travis Pool, Principal

Travis.Pool@education.vic.gov.au

## **CLASSROOM AWARDS**

Congratulations to this week's award winners– Raffy, Indigo P, Andrew, Daisy, Dev, Gabe, Oscar A, Oscar C, Zoe M, Jayden, Charlie G, and Isaac.



## **100% ATTENDANCE AWARD**

Congratulations to Sorcha for having 100% attendance for the year so far. This is an absolutely amazing effort. There have been 114 days of school so far this year and Sorcha has been able to be here for all of them. Well done Sorcha.



# A FOCUS ON STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Over the next 4 weeks, we are having a focused 'Blitz' around attendance. With the Cold and Flu Season upon us, we have seen a drop in our overall attendance across the past few weeks.

To help get things back on track, we will be having a strong focus on attendance. Each week, I will be presenting each class with their percentage attendance. At the end of the 4 Week Blitz, the class with the highest attendance percentage will win a The Classroom Attendance Reward.

Currently the reward options that have been floated by students are things such as an hour of Free Time, Classroom Movie, but the most popular by far is the chance to drench me with water balloons or to dress me all in white and decorate me with coloured powder. All options I am more than happy to be a part of.






## Once the cycle of absence starts, it is very difficult to stop

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

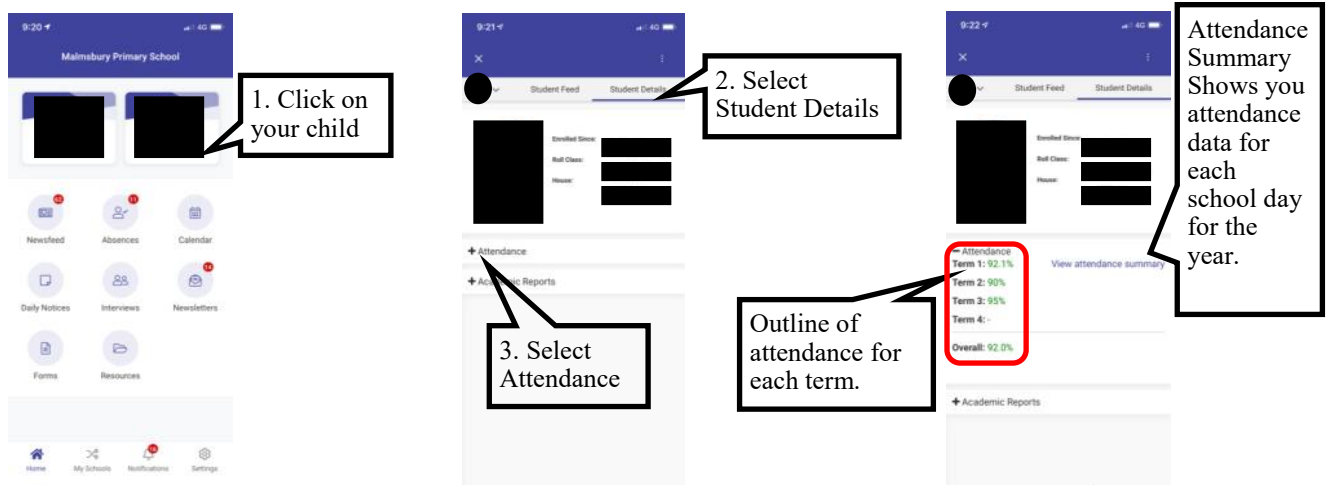
It can be hard for your student to return to school, as they get behind in their work and miss out on new topics. Students are also likely to lose touch with friendship groups and feel on the 'outer'.

The opposite is also true. With increased attendance, they are more connected to their peers, develop their sense of belonging, are more comfortable and willing to take risks with their learning, and become more resilient individuals when faced with challenges.

Below is a table that outlines a guide around the effect of varying attendance percentages.

	<p><b>Your child's attendance is on or above 95%</b></p> <p>They are likely to be a "Star Performer" as well as an excellent attendee. They will almost certainly achieve the best grades for their ability and have real opportunity in further education, or in the world of work.</p>
	<p><b>Your child's attendance is 90-94%</b></p> <p>"GREEN for GO" for good attendance, they are likely to achieve grades that will give them real opportunities to continuing their studies or in the world of work.</p>
	<p><b>Your child's attendance is 85-89%</b></p> <p>"AMBER - Take Care" as students will be missing up to 20 days each year and this will make it very difficult for them to achieve their best.</p>
	<p><b>Your child's attendance is 80-84%</b></p> <p>"RED light - Be Alert" as students are missing so much school that it will be very difficult for them to keep in touch with lessons or with work.</p>
	<p><b>Your child's attendance is below 80%</b></p> <p>"AT RISK - Immediate Action Needed" as students are missing so much time from school that it will be almost impossible for them to keep in touch with lessons or with work.</p>

To compare your child's attendance, you can check on your child's current attendance percentages through the Sentral App.



1. Click on your child

2. Select Student Details

3. Select Attendance

Outline of attendance for each term.

Attendance Summary Shows you attendance data for each school day for the year.

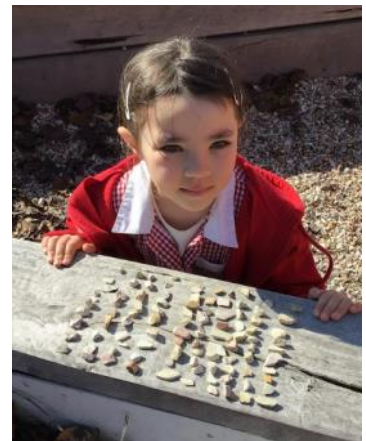
# AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

## Grade Prep/1:

What a wonderful week we have had in the Prep/One room! Loads of celebrations for 'finally' celebrating the first 100 days of learning for our Preppies, only 14 days late! But celebrate we did! Along with our whole school dress up celebrations, we had a few '100' challenges. Firstly, we had to find 100 smiley faces hidden around the room, we found 95!

Then, our challenge was to make a collection of 100 things from the playground, make a paper chain with 100 links and stack 100 cups into a tower. And all these challenges were timed, so no dillydallying! Thus, we had to work out the quickest way to make 100. We discovered that it is slightly quicker to make 10 groups of 10, than 1 group of 100, 5 groups of 20 and 2 groups of 50 are about the same, with 10 arrays of 10 took the longest. Awesome learning Turtles!!!

Oh, and yes, we finished the day with apparently 'the best cupcakes ever'.



# AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

## Grade 2/3:

We continued on with our writing this week, as we focused on punctuation, expression and the use of our own voices in our writing. This week we wrote a letter to Travis, stating our reasoning and expressing our thoughts as to why we should, or should not have to wear school uniform. It was wonderful to see how expressive they can be, when they have a reason to argue their point.

## Grade 3/4:

This week in 3/4 we have been working on developing our inferring skills. We have been looking at taking what the author says and working out what information we can take away that they are leading us to but not specifically saying. We have enjoyed apply these skills to a variety of different texts by Australian Authors.

## Grade 5/6:

This week in the 5/6 classroom we have been developing our writing skills by using a variety of strategies. Students have been looking back on their old work, picking out important sentences, and using their new skills to improve fluency.

In numeracy, we have begun exploring different types of angles, this took us outside in the sun to do an angle scavenger hunt.

Students have also been researching a country of their choice and have begun gathering the information into Google Slides. Many students have asked if this is something that they can work on at home. This is not necessary, but students are welcome to access Google Classrooms at home. I will be sending home instructions to log into Google Classrooms with their individual login details.



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## 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

# CDSSA Athletics Carnival 2023

Thursday saw the culmination of lots of practise and organisation as our students headed to the CDSSA Athletics Carnival in Bendigo. There was plenty of excitement and anticipation as we arrived at the track, the first time many students have had the opportunity to compete at facilities such as this. We had a great mix of warm sunshine and drizzling rain throughout the day which made for lots of lots of clothing changes!

Our students represented our school with an excellent display of school values and pride. I was extremely proud to see them all giving their absolute best and enjoying the opportunity. Malmesbury PS came away with a great mix of 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place ribbons, as well as a lot of happy kids who participated with all their heart.

A huge thank you to all the parents who transported and supported our students on the day. These events can not work without your help. We are, as always, so very grateful. Congratulations to all the following students who represented Malmesbury PS. We are so proud of you!

Sidney	Edith	Will
Django	Rosina	Ami
Levi	Raffy	Asher
Charlie H	Aurora	Cooper
Viv	Dakota	Elena
Peggy	Liam	





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

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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)





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