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IMPORTANT DATES Term 4

Monday 9th—Friday 13th
October— Whole School
Swimming Program

Tuesday 28th October— School
Council meeting

Wednesday 6th November—
Kyneton Cup Day-Malmsbury PS
Public Holiday

Thursday 9th to Friday 10th
November— Grade 1 and 2 Camp—
Daylesford

Friday 15th December—
Semester 2 Reports sent home

MAJOR EVENTS

Saturday December 2nd—
Combined 150th Anniversary of
Malmsbury Primary School and
Frog Bog Opening



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Malmsbury Primary School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 1—Friday 6th October 2023

Womin-dji-ka | Welcome

It has been a fantastic start to our final term of 2023. It is hard to believe that we are heading into the final weeks of the school year. Students have started well and have handled the change into daylight savings without much tiredness at all. It is set to be a fun filled term with a number of events occurring. We are looking forward to swimming lessons next week, the Grade 1/2 sleepover in early November and the 150th celebration in early December. There are a number of activities and lessons planned for students to help learn about the history of Malmsbury and the school. I am really looking forward to a couple of walking excursions teachers are planning to visit historically significant sites around the town. Keep your eye out for these, as we would love to have parents join in these walking excursions with us.

New school banking details:

A reminder that we have transitioned to a new bank account with the CBA for all school payments. Please see page 4 of this newsletter for more details and update the BSB and account number for all future school payments.

SunSmart time!

Our SunSmart policy is in full effect. This means that students need to wear our hats again for outdoor activities! All students are required to wear a broad brimmed hat during recess, lunchtime, PE classes and other outdoor learning activities. If you require new hats, they are available for sale from the office for \$15.

ChildSafe School Policies:

The Victorian Government has announced new [Child Safe Standards](#) to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Malmsbury PS has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to view on the Sentral Parent Portal which can be found in the resources section. These policies are also available on our school website under the 'Our School' section- http://malmsburyps.vic.edu.au/?page_id=166.

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

Please feel free to contact Travis if you have any suggestions, comments or questions about the policies.

Combined 150th Celebration and Frog Bog Grand Opening:

We have decided to postpone the Frog Bog opening once again, but it will now be held in conjunction with the 150th Celebration on the 2nd of December. This will work well as we have a number of special guests coming to the event, which will help to celebrate the opening in the way it deserves.

Over the next few weeks, we will be looking for community members to volunteer for various roles during the celebrations.

We are still looking to have new members join the committee for 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, please contact me at school to register your interest.

If you see our Facebook Event invitation for the event, please share this as far and as wide as possible to help spread the word.

Old Sports Shed– Reusable Materials:

We still have a variety of reusable materials leftover from the removal of the old sports shed. All items are stacked down near the entry gate at the bottom end of the school. Please feel free to have a look through the pile for any items that you would like take with you. We will keep these items here for the next 2 weeks, and will dispose of any remaining items.



SWIMMING PROGRAM TERM 4:

We are all set to begin our AquaAware Swimming program at KTSAC next week. Thankyou to everyone for returning permission forms so early in the term.

Please remember that a swimming cap is compulsory for all sessions and goggles are recommended. Please **clearly name all your child's clothes, bathers and towel** and send along a plastic bag for wet things to come home in.

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

Holiday Period Building and Ground Works:



It has been fantastic to finally have a couple of the major building refurbishment projects completed over the holidays. The weatherboard building at the front of the school and the Bell Tower looks so fresh, new, and revitalised after a new paint job. The front of the school also feels more open and welcoming after the removal of the old sports shed. Also a huge thanks to Toby Seddon for building the fence line along the back of the Frog Bog and for fixing the gates round the school. It all looks amazing.

Art Plate Fundraiser:

This term sees the return of our Art Plate Fundraiser. Students will be completing their plate artworks during Art lessons. If you would like to purchase your child's Art Plate, please complete the order form and return it to school.

If you would like an extra design template for other siblings at home, you can collect these from the office. All the information regarding this fundraiser can be found on the final pages of the newsletter. These documents will also be made available on Sentral.

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

Travis Pool, Principal

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MALMSBURY PS

CATASTROPHIC FIRE

RATING DAY PROCEDURES

With the Bushfire Season upon us, the school is well underway in preparing for the upcoming season. Malmsbury PS is on the 'Bushfire At Risk' register. This means that our school is closed on any Catastrophic Day and our OSHC service will also be closed. Below is our procedure to inform our school community of any Catastrophic Rating days that are declared.

- Malmsbury PS does not operate on a Catastrophic Day and no staff or students are permitted to be on the school premises.
- Catastrophic Days are declared at least 24 hours in advance.
- If a Catastrophic Day is declared during the school week then a note will be sent home from school to alert families to the school closure.
- A follow up phone call or Sentral message requiring a confirmation will confirm each family has received the notification regarding the Catastrophic closure.
- Staff will be phoned to confirm they know the school will be closed due to a Catastrophic Day being called.
- If a Catastrophic day is declared over a weekend for a Monday we will use the Sentral app, Facebook and phone calls to let parents know our school will be closed. Senior staff members will have home access to parent contact numbers in a secure location to enable parents to be contacted on weekends.
- Staff will be called to notify them of the Catastrophic Day closure declared over the weekend.
- Parents and staff will be reminded to monitor weather warnings over weekends until the bushfire season is over.
- Regular reminders will be placed in the newsletter about regularly checking the Sentral app and to follow us on Facebook for any notifications.

NEW SYSTEM FOR SIGNING IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL

We now have our new Sign In and Sign Out System operating in the office. This electronic system can be found in the office next to the fish tank. This is where early departures, late arrivals, and return to school can be registered. Students have received a lesson on how to use the new system and it is working well. This system helps to alleviate all the current paperwork that occurs via the old process. Visitors and Volunteers to the school will also use this system to register their attendance while at the school. It is a very simple process and ensures that we can easily track all visitors to our school.



IMPORTANT SCHOOL BANKING INFORMATION

Notification:

Change of Banking Details for eft/direct Credits

We wish to advise that we are currently transitioning to a new bank account.

Please amend your records to make sure all future payments are debited/credited to our new account details as below: -

New Account Details – Malmsbury Primary School:

*Financial Institution: Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Account Name: Malmsbury Primary School
BSB: 063-093
Account Number: 10003317*

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jan or Travis.

RESOURCESMART- ENERGY AUDIT

Recently some of our students took part in our Energy Audit as part of our commitment to being a ResourceSmart School. After completing the audit across the school, our students came to the following conclusions to help us to be more energy efficient at Malmsbury Primary School:

Reducing electricity and gas use at school and home is important to save money and also to do our bit to reduce greenhouse gases.

We saved money and greenhouse gases by re-installing solar panels and switching from gas heating to electric split system heating in 2021

Our electricity use has increased a little this year, especially in winter.

Everyone can help out in their classrooms by checking that our lights/ heaters/ appliances aren't left on unnecessarily

To help ensure we are smart with our resources use, each class can create signs as reminders including a 'last one out checklist' for each room to help make sure energy is saved

We also ask that each classroom has an Energy Monitor to check that items are turned off at the end of the day and especially over school holiday breaks.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

Grade P/1:

What a great start to our last term of being Preps and Grade Ones! This term will fly by really fast, so it won't be long before we are Grade Ones and Grade Twos... Eeekk!

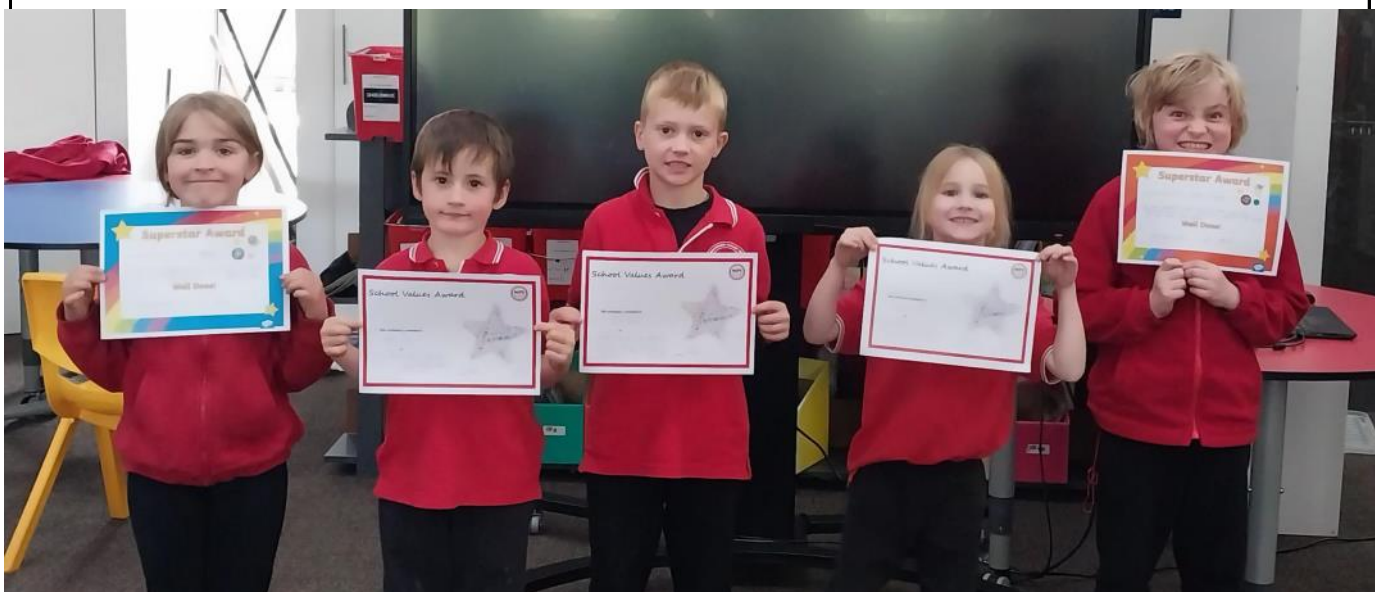
We have been busy in our writing, focusing on our letter formation and of course, writing stories, something we love in our room! The maths sessions have been equally busy, where we have looked at place value again. I am delighted to say we are building a strong understanding of digits and their values, regardless of where they are placed in a number! Such a tricky concept to grasp, but we are rocking it in Prep/Ones! You could say, we have hit the ground running! Next week will be a 'different' week, with swimming, but thankfully, we are super flexible and adaptable, we will still find time to learn new things!

Grade 2/3:

It has been wonderful to see all the bright and happy smiling children back in the Grade 2/3 classroom this week. We have started the term off strong, by diving straight back into our literacy learning. We have been learning the process of how to write a personal recount. Which fits in perfectly after the recent school holidays. We have been learning how to plan out our writing first, which provides our writing with structure and the ability to write the events in chronological order. This also allow the children to write down all their thoughts and organise their writing, to recount the important events from their holidays. It has been wonderful hearing all the wonderful adventures the students explored during the holidays. Next week, we will start to focus on the paragraphs in our writing, in preparation for our persuasive writing unit.

CLASSROOM AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's award winners— Haylee, Angus, Thomas, Asha, and James



REFERENDUM BBQ- NEXT SATURDAY THE 14TH OF OCTOBER

Next Saturday, the 14th of October brings us the referendum polling centre at Malmesbury Primary School. Our Parent Fundraising Committee will be running the usual BBQ and cake stall at the Polling Booth set up at our School.

We are putting a call out for any baked goods that you may be able to provide to sell at the stall. Any baked goods just require a list of ingredients with them. We have also been lucky enough again for Grant to provide us with a range of his delicious treats, but would also love as many items for the stall as possible.

We also need a number of volunteers to help run the stall over the voting period. We have placed a timesheet on the window at the front of the school. Please just write your name under the timeslot that best suits you. Any time that you can provide is greatly appreciated.

It would be great to see as many names up as possible to help share the day out. If you need any further information please don't hesitate to contact the school.

AMENITIES BLOCK PROGRESS

We are getting closer and closer to the finalisation of the new amenities block. There was a great amount of work completed over the holidays. The contractors have also been very active over the last week, completing the roof plumbing, internal walls, and we were very excited to see the toilet bowls and sinks being installed yesterday.

Through discussions with the architects and builders, we are hoping to have building permit approval in the middle of next week. My fingers are crossed that this is signed off, allowing us to start making use of them by the end of the week.





FUNDRAISING ORDER FORM

www.toucandoo.com.au
 info@toucandoo.com.au
 0488 868 226

School: Malmsbury Primary School Due Date: Mon 27th October 2023
 Childs name: _____ Class: _____
 Parents Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Email: _____

DESIGN YOUR OWN UNIQUE ART PRODUCTS

DESCRIPTION	QTY	COST
Art Plate ø20cm Polymer Glossy finish BPA and Toxic Free Food Safe Dishwasher Safe Let your child design their art plate		\$26
Art Plate with Photo or Photo Plate ø20cm Polymer Glossy finish BPA and Toxic Free Food Safe Dishwasher Safe Let your child design their plate then we add a photo, or if photo plate just send us a photo		\$28
Fridge Magnets - Assorted shapes Write quantity inside preferred shape Matte finish polymer magnets. Choose from Heart, Oval or Round <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>		\$15
Keyrings Matte finish polymer keyrings double sided Choose from black or white side edge <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>		\$15
Coasters - Round Glossy finish with a cork backing to protect surfaces Size Round ø10cm shape	Set of 4	\$25
	Set of 6	\$35
Plate Stand		\$2

AMOUNT PAID \$

Payment Options - Please tick the method you have used to pay

Please put your **Childs Name** and the **the Schools initials "MPS"** in the Reference section so we can track your selected payment method. **REFERENCE EXAMPLE: JO BLOGGS MPS**

Direct Deposit

Bank: **Westpac**
 Name: **ToucanDoo**
 BSB: **034 610**
 Acc No.: **416535**

Paypal

Use our email
 info@toucandoo.com.au

Credit Card

Email us at
 info@toucandoo.com.au
 and we will send you an
 invoice to pay by credit card

PLEASE WRITE THE PAYMENT REFERENCE YOU USED & DATE PAID

Parent Notes:

Do you give permission for ToucanDoo to use your child's plate for advertising via website and socials YES NO

HOW IT WORKS AND INSTRUCTIONS

ONLY INCLUDE ARTWORK TO BE MADE INTO PLATES

Ordering your plate is easy

1. Your child designs their art during class time with the option to finish at home. Your school will give you the template.
2. All product will use the same design sheet (ie Art Plate template and we will resize to fit your selected ordered products).
2. Select as many items as you would like and make the payment to ToucanDoo directly. It is very important that you put the **childs name** and **school name** in the reference section so ToucanDoo can track the orders.
3. Print out this order form and fill in all the details and give back to school with completed template or, if artwork completed at school then just give the order form back to the teacher.
4. If you have selected an Art Plate with Photo or a Photo Plate then please email the photo to info@toucandoo.com.au and state the childs name and school, so ToucanDoo can match with artwork and order form, please see below for photo settings.

One order form can be used for siblings or friends.

You may purchase extra items of the same design as gifts.

Only those who have paid by the due date 27th October will have their product made.

If any questions then please feel free to email us at: info@toucandoo.com.au

PHOTO SETTINGS - UPLOAD



Image Type - Select DOCUMENT (if scanned as Photo it will show paper imperfections and make plate look dirty).

Resolution - should be set at least 300dpi high resolution.

Colour: should be RGB.

Save file as - either JPEG (JPG) or PDF.

EMAIL file to info@toucandoo.com.au



Photo Tips - For best results lighter photos work best as Photos tend to print darker. There will be slight differences in colour during the production phase.



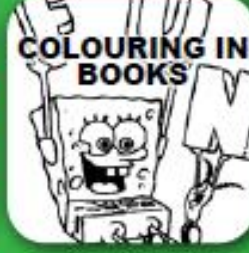
ToucanDoo
KIDS ART ON KEEPSAKES

DOs & DON'Ts

At ToucanDoo we are all about bringing out your childrens inner creative genius and we want to give them as little restrictions as possible, however, we do have a few DOs and DON'Ts. Unfortunately shiny, glittery and fluro items do not print well.



DO USE



DON'T USE

