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# Malmsbury Primary School

## Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2—Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### IMPORTANT DATES Term 1 2024

Tuesday 13th February -  
School Captain Speeches— 2.30pm

Tuesday February 27th -  
Grade 3/4 Excursion— Earth Ed  
Ballarat

Friday March 22nd -  
Prep/1 and Grade 2/3 Excursion  
Earth Ed Ballarat

Wednesday 27th March -  
State Schools Spectacular— Mass  
Choir Rehearsal

### MAJOR EVENTS 2024

School Review -  
Tuesday March 5, 14 & 21

Thursday March 28th -  
MPS Cross Country @ Malmsbury  
Cricket Ground

Saturday 14th of September -  
Victorian State Schools  
Spectacular



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

It has been another great week at Malmsbury Primary School as we work our way back into the routines of school. Students are now digging deeper into their learning routines. It is always a pleasure to walk through the rooms and have students sharing their work. Our new Preps are settling in well and they are already showing how much they enjoy their learning at Malmsbury PS. Our Year 6 students are busy preparing their School Captain speeches, and I can't wait to see them present these on Tuesday afternoon. Parents, you are more than welcome to join us at 2.30pm on Tuesday to see your child share with us why they will make a great School Captain. I wish the best of luck to all our Year 6 students who have put themselves up for the positions.

### **Malmsbury PS School Review March 2024:**

Thank you to the families who have already provided their feedback for our School Review in March. I enjoy looking through this feedback to see what your thoughts are on Teaching, Learning, Wellbeing, and Community connections. We have had a small number of responses so far, and it would be great to get as many families as possible to share their feedback on Teaching, Learning, Wellbeing, and Community connections

Below again is the link to the survey with important questions that we would like you to provide your thoughts on. All responses are welcome and are anonymous. All responses can cover from the past 4 years or since your time at the school. Your answers and contributions to the survey will greatly appreciated.

<https://forms.gle/Av2rKCsnNbLUu6Gg9>

### **Second Hand Uniform Stall:**

A big thanks to Bobbi for providing the Second hand uniform stall on Wednesday. If you are in need of any items, you can catch Bobbi on Wednesday afternoons. from 3.15pm to 3.45pm. The cost is \$5 per item.

Thank you to all the families who have donated pre-loved uniforms. This has really helped to boost stock. If you do have any items that can be donated, please feel free to drop them in at the office.

### **Breakfast Club Volunteers Term 1:**

Thank you so much to Lou and Gina who ran breakfast club for our students this Thursday. The kids loved coming in for a delicious breakfast with you.

Breakfast Club runs each Wednesday and Thursday from 8.30am through to 8.55am. If you are keen to help run this valuable program for our school, please either make contact with Jan or myself to organise a Term 1 roster. If you are available weekly, fortnightly, monthly or once a term, no problem at all. We would love to see you providing this support for our students. If you would like anymore information on how the programs runs, please don't hesitate to make contact.

### **Welcome Back Afternoon Tea - Friday 16th February - Team Malmsbury:**

This coming Friday at 3.30pm, Team Malmsbury are holding a welcome back afternoon tea for parents. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with other families and to also help welcome our new families to our school

Team Malmsbury will be having a fundraising meeting at 2:30pm in the library. Any new parents/carers/family members who are interested in joining the fundraising group are more than welcome to attend. They will then be holding the afternoon tea in the undercover area at 3:30. We look forward to catching up with everyone then.

### **Hats and Drink Bottles:**

A reminder that during the warmer months of the year, students are required to wear their broad brimmed school hats when outside. This is also a key factor for PE on Thursdays. Students having their drink bottles handy for PE also helps to avoid lengthy interruptions to lessons. If your child does require a new hat, they are available for purchase at the office.

**WGAC:**

#Teammalmsbury have their termly 'Who Gives A Crap' toilet paper order running at the moment. You will find the order form attached to the Sentral newsletter message and email. To place your order, please complete the form and return it to the office with payment no later than Friday February 23rd. You can pay by cash or direct transfer to our school bank account. All details are contained in the order form.

**Private Music Lessons with Andy:**

Andy is once again taking enrolments for private instrumental lessons for the year. Lessons this year won't begin until March due to some commitments Andy has to complete. If you would like to enrol your child into private music lessons with Andy on Mondays, you can contact him directly on 0400 865 229.

**Central Highlands Orienteering Club:**

CHOC is looking forward to welcoming you to our twilight orienteering events in February 2024. Each week we will explore a different parkland in the Macedon Ranges.

Registration starts from 6pm, start between 6.30pm- 7pm. Courses close at 8pm.  
Courses suitable for individuals, groups and families.  
Costs \$5 include map and hire of electronic timing reader, parents shadowing children free.

For more details see flyers attached on the final page of this newsletter.

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

Travis Pool, Principal,  
[Travis.Pool@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Travis.Pool@education.vic.gov.au)

# WEEKLY STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's award winners:  
Roman, Elliott, Ada, Grade 3/4, and Andrew



# AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

## Prep/1:

WOW, what another great week in our room we have had! We have continued to explore our classroom environment and build great long-lasting relationships. Check out the photos below! The smiles say it all!

A big shout out to our Preppies who are our new rhyming experts! I often hear, 'that rhymes' when I'm reading a storybook. I can't wait to see what we learn next week! A bigger shout out to our Grade Ones who have been great positive role models, helpers and 'teachers'. It is a lot easier to learn our classroom expectations by watching other peers than to listen to me reminding them!



## Grade 2/3:

This week in the Grade 2/3 classroom, we have been focusing on our daily routines and learning about all the new features of our classroom. In Maths, we have been investigating number sequences and challenging ourselves to expand our knowledge. In Auslan, we learnt how to sign the alphabet and spell out our names. We started our Inquiry unit this week, where we will be focusing on learning about 'who we are'. Throughout the term, we will look into our own personal family histories and cultures and share with one another, what makes us unique. I encourage all families, to have conversations with your child about their family history and culture. This will enable students to come to school, with knowledge about who they are and what makes them unique. I look forward to hearing all the stories and the diverse cultures we have, in grade 2/3.

## Grade 3/4:

Wow! What a great start the Legends of Grade  $\frac{3}{4}$  have made to their year! We have been getting familiar with routines and working on creating a safe and supportive classroom. We have been trying to incorporate Auslan in our learning, particularly during our Morning Circle - test your child's knowledge by asking them to tell you how they feel or their favourite colour in Auslan. They know a lot more than me!

We have been looking at our school values and exploring what they look like in action in the classroom - from how we approach our learning to how we get along with our classmates to how we look after the resources in our room, and everything in between. It has been great to see that every one of the Legends of Grade  $\frac{3}{4}$  can explain our school values. This week we worked together to create our bedrock, which is going to be the metaphorical foundation that we build our learning and well-being on this year. Everyone was involved in drawing and painting and the end result is fantastic!

We are ready and excited for an amazing year of being the best that we can be!

## Grade 5/6:

This week we have begun our class novel, War Horse by Michael Morpurgo. We have used our text to expand our vocabulary, with students using the words 'intrigued' and 'competent' in their writing. Students learnt how to use appositives, a phrase which describes a noun, in their writing and made some interesting sentences as a result! In maths we are reviewing our place value knowledge and expanding that further into decimals. We have also started adding and subtracting negative numbers in real life situations like temperature and floor levels in a building.

# SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

For 2024, school council elections must be completed by March 31st.

School Council members are elected to serve for a period of 2 years. This year we have the following members whose 2 year tenure is coming to a close:

Parent Members	DET Members	Community Members
Ryan Hemsley	Kathryn Sundblom	Nil
Evan Murley	Kate Kuyateh	
	David Oxworth	

This means that there will be a call for nominations for 4 parent positions to be filled for the next 2 years (Community Members are appointed through a different system). Vacating councillors are more than welcome to nominate for the positions again. If there are more nominations than vacant positions, we will then work through a voting process to appoint people to the positions.

Election Timeline for 2024

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024** - Notice of election and call for nominations (forms will be available from the office)

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024**- Closing date for nominations

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024** - The date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024** - The date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed if an election is required.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 2024** – Special first council meeting to appoint Community Members (the principal will preside) with existing members.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024** - Close of ballot (if required)

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024** - Vote Count (if required)

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024** – Declaration of poll

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024**– First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside) with new school council members.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any more information about the process.

# **VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 2024**

## **Saturday 14th of September:**

Thank you to all the students in years 3 to 6 who have nominated to be part of our School's representation at the State Schools Spectacular in the Mass Choir. There are still a couple of forms to be returned. These need to be back to school **no later than next Tuesday the 13th of February.**

Our Music Teacher, Anna, is excited about working with our students in preparing for the Spectacular. Those students who become part of our Mass Choir Group will rehearse on Thursday afternoons from 2.30 to 3.30.

There are also a number of rehearsals remotely and in Melbourne in the lead up to the event.

Rehearsal 1: Mass Choir Regional Rehearsal Week Commencing March 25 - Venues TBC

Rehearsal 2: Mass Choir Regional Rehearsal Week Commencing May 20 - Venue TBC

Rehearsal 3: Mass Choir Rehearsal (All Schools Combined) Wednesday, 24 July - Venue Melbourne Town Hall

Rehearsal 4: Mass Choir Rehearsal (All Schools Combined) Wednesday, 28 August - Venue Melbourne Town Hall

Rehearsals 3 & 4 will take place at Melbourne Town Hall, corner of Swanston and Collins St, Melbourne. The rehearsals will run from 9am registration with singing to start at 10am and will finish on both days at 3pm.

This is an absolutely fantastic event that Malmsbury PS is very proud being a part of. The students have an amazing experience and I look forward to seeing the final show.

Please don't hesitate to get in contact if you have any other questions.

# **MALMSBURY PS CATASTROPHIC FIRE RATING DAY PROCEDURES**

With the Bushfire Season upon us, it is important to know the following information and process.

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.

# MACEDON RANGES TWILIGHT SPRINT ORIENTEERING SERIES 2024



**RETURNS 14TH FEB 6PM  
KYNETON COMMUNITY GARDENS**

## COURSES

Range from 2km to 4km  
There will be a course suitable for children and families without the need to cross major roads.

Events take up to 30min  
Walk, jog or run it is up to you.

## REGISTRATION

From 6pm, starts 6.30-7pm  
Course close 8pm

## COSTS

\$5 per participant  
includes map & hire electronic  
timing reader

## EVENTS



**14th FEB KYNETON**  
Community Gardens  
Clowes St Entrance

**21st FEB WOODEND**  
Campaspe Parklands  
Info centre - Margery Cres

**28th FEB MALMSBURY**  
Botanical Gardens  
Ellesmere Place



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## EXPLORE LOCAL PARKLANDS TRY ORIENTEERING

**FEBRUARY 2024**

14TH KYNETON  
21st WOODEND  
28TH MALMSBURY

**FEB  
14TH**

Courses 2-4km

**\$5 entry**

Rego 6-7pm  
Courses close 8pm



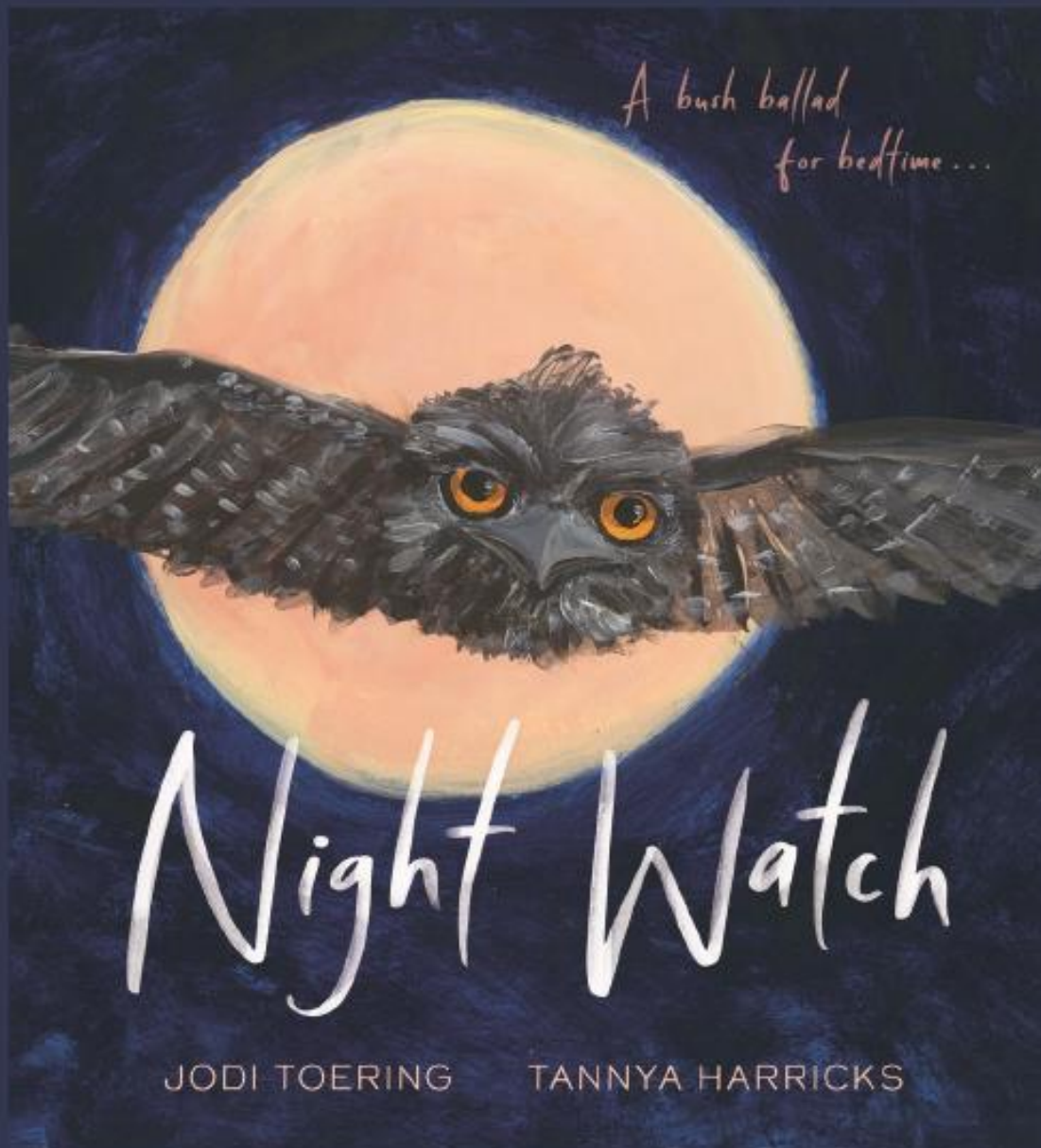
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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17TH - 10:30AM

READING - CRAFT - BOOK SIGNING



MEET THE AUTHOR - JODI TOERING