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Malmsbury Primary School

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3—Friday 16th February 2024

IMPORTANT DATES Term 1 2024

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

Monday February 26 to Friday
March 1st-
Get To Know You Parent/Teacher
Interviews– 3.45pm to 5pm

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 was an exciting and nervous week for our 5/6 students this week with our School and House Captain speeches and elections. I was so proud of all the students who took the leap into public speaking and promoting themselves as leaders of the school. All nominees spoke so well and it showed that they worked hard on their speeches. Congratulations to our student elected leaders. We are so lucky to have so many students wanting to step up and be a part of leading our school and representing their peers. I look forward to working with them all across the year to learn more about how we can improve student voice across the school.

2024 School Leaders:

Congratulations to our school and house captains for 2024. You all presented wonderfully and have been chosen by your peers to represent our school at varying events and activities across the year.

School Captains:

- Eleanor H
- Sidney P-R

Chisholm Captains:

- Ami K
- Zoe M

Hollows Captains:

- Will D
- Rosina M

Freeman Captains:

- Layla C
- Liam S

Malmsbury PS School Review March 2024:

Thank you to the families who have added their feedback to the survey over the past week. Your contributions and suggestions are greatly appreciated and will be at the front of many discussions during the review process.

It would be great to continue to have many responses to the survey to help ensure we have heard all voices. If you have 5 to 10 minutes spare to provide your thoughts, please use the link below to register your responses. All responses are welcome and are anonymous.

<https://forms.gle/Av2rKCsnNbLUu6Gq9>

Get To Know You Interviews– Bookings Now Open in Sentral:

We will be holding our initial parent teacher– Get to know you– interviews between Monday the 26th of February through to Friday the 1st of March. These interviews are an opportunity for you and your child's teacher to discuss their learning needs and interests to help support your child's learning in the best possible way.

The booking system is now up and running on Sentral. You can start making your bookings via the online parent portal, or the Sentral App via the interview button. All interview times will be after school with 15 minute blocks from 3.45 through to 5pm.

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

It was wonderful to catch up with many families this afternoon at the welcome back afternoon tea. It is always a great opportunity to connect with each other at these types of events, and it is also a fun way to lead into the weekend. Thank you to everyone who has registered their interest in supporting school activities and events across the year. All your help and support is what makes our community such a great place to be a part of.

Breakfast Club Volunteers Term 1:

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.

Malmsbury Village Fayre– 28th April 2024:

It will be fantastic to see the Malmsbury Fayre return this year on the 28th of April after a small hiatus. The Fayre committee is in full swing, organising the event and all the activities for the celebration. The committee is seeking volunteers to help on at the Fayre. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful Malmsbury community event, you can register your interest at malmsburyfayre@gmail.com.

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 next Friday February 23rd. You can pay by cash or direct transfer to our school bank account. All details are contained in the order form.

NAPLAN March 13th to 25th 2024:

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests are just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN tests also provide schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

You can also access more information about the assessments from the following website for parents.

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/assessment/f-10assessment/naplan/Pages/parents/index.aspx>

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about your child's participation in Naplan this year.

Hats and Drink Bottles:

Thank you to the student for being vigilant with their hats and drink bottles this week. It was great to move around the school and see so many more students being Sunsmart and prepared for PE, especially early in the week with the Summer weather we finally got to experience. If your child does require a new hat, they are available for purchase at the office.

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

Travis Pool, Principal,

Travis.Pool@education.vic.gov.au

WEEKLY STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's award winners:

Marcy, Jayde, and Ada



OUR 2024 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Sidney and Eleanor



OUR 2024 HOUSE CAPTAINS

Hollows– Will and Rosina, Chisholm– Ami and Zoe, Freeman– Liam and Layla (absent)



AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

Prep/1:

What a busy week we have had again! Loads of learning, loads of fun and most of all loads of getting to know each other and building amazing friendships. I have noticed that some people are branching out of their comfort zone and enjoying spending time with different people, which is great to see.

In maths, we have been exploring the difference between digits and numbers and understanding that the digit represents the shape or how the number looks (mathematical symbol) and that a number can be made up of one or many digits and represents the amount.

In our phonological awareness sessions, we have been discovering how many syllables are in our name and other words in our wonderful vocabulary. You may remember clapping out syllables, but an easier way is to place your hand under your chin and count how many times your jaw moves. Try it, you'll be amazed!

Watch this space to see what we explore next week!



Grade 2/3:

In the Grade 2/3 classroom this week, we have started our unit on Place Value in Maths. We have been able to model, represent and order numbers to at least 1000 and extending further to 10 000 to challenge ourselves. We have made use of some online interactive games to enhance our knowledge, and some hands-on materials like MAB blocks (Base Ten Blocks) to create a visual representation of our chosen number. Next week we will be extending our knowledge further and exploring additional ways to count collections of larger numbers efficiently.

Grade 5/6:

It has been an emotional week in the 5/6 classroom with many students putting their hands up for leadership rolls in the school. I am very proud of those who put themselves out there, as well as our other students who got behind and supported the unsuccessful candidates.

In writing this week, students have been developing their story "A journey into the unknown" inspired by our class novel 'War Horse'. I have been enjoying reading their character and setting descriptions as they set the scene and begin to create suspense in their stories.

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 12th February 2024 - Notice of election and call for nominations (forms will be available from the office)

Monday 19th February 2024- Closing date for nominations

Wednesday 21st February 2024 - The date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted

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

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

Monday 4th March 2024 - Close of ballot (if required)

Tuesday 5th March 2024 - Vote Count (if required)

Wednesday 8th March 2024 – Declaration of poll

Tuesday 26th 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.

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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FEBRUARY 2024

14TH KYNETON
21st WOODEND
28TH MALMSBURY

**FEB
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Courses 2-4km

\$5 entry

Rego 6-7pm
Courses close 8pm



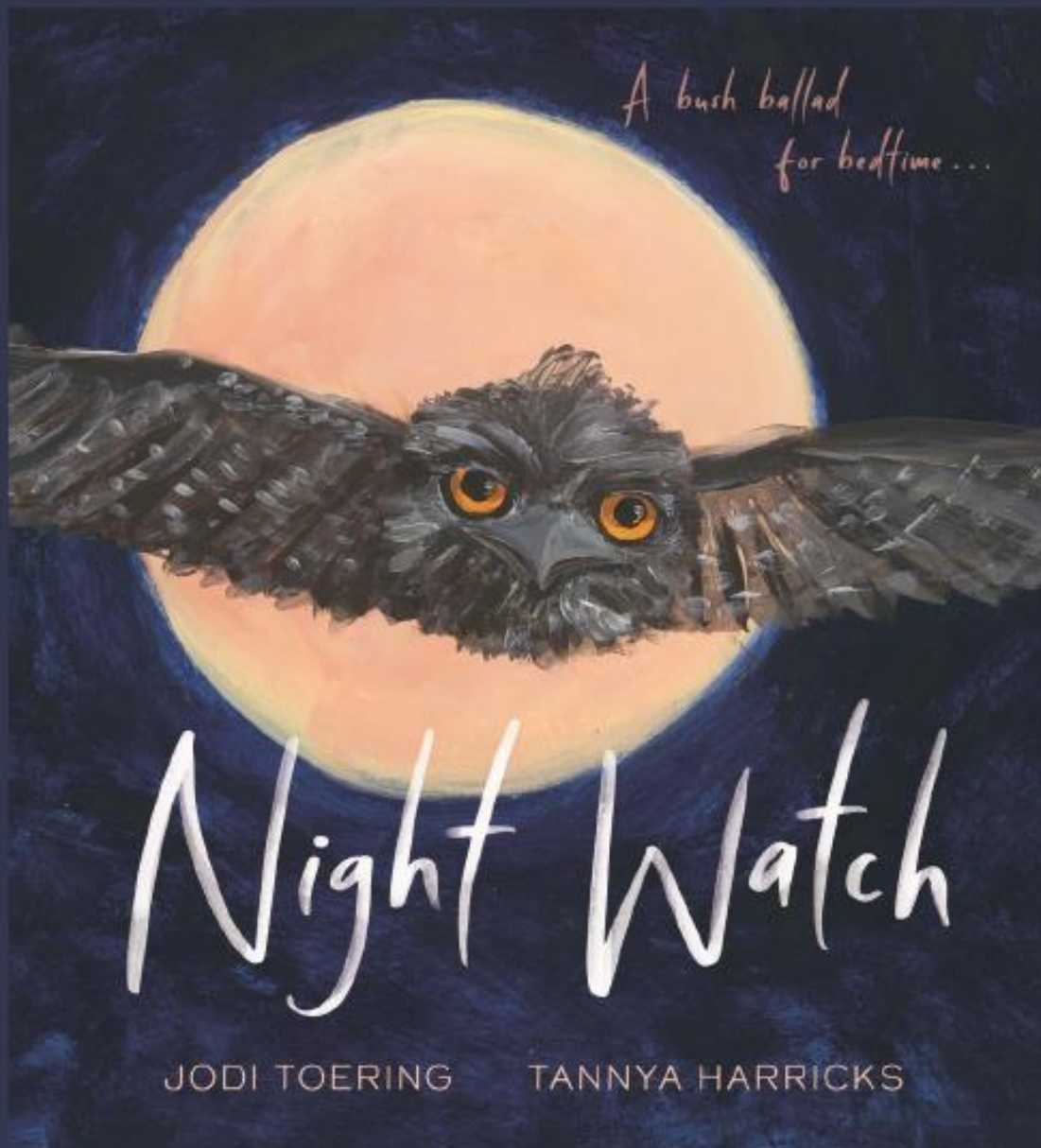
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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17TH - 10:30AM

READING - CRAFT - BOOK SIGNING



MEET THE AUTHOR - JODI TOERING