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### **IMPORTANT DATES Term 3**

Parent Teacher Interviews-3/4– Monday 29th to Wed 31st July.

Monday July 29– School walking Inquiry walking excursion to Malmsbury Botanical Gardens

School Council– Thursday the 1st of August– 6.30 pm

Tuesday August 6– Music Olympic performance at Malmsbury Town Hall

Friday August 9– Minischoololympics 11.30to 1.30pm– Run by JSC

Friday August 16th—District Athletics— Bendigo Science Week– 10th to 16th August– Open day 13th August

Book Week– 17th to 23rd August, Monday 19th– Community school read 9 to 9.30am Friday 23rd– Book week Parade and morning reading 9.30 to 10.15am

Wednesday 28th August– State Schools Spectacular– Melbourne Town Hall Rehearsal no.2

MAJOR EVENTS 2024

Malmsbury Farmers Markets: July 21, Sept 15, Nov 17, Dec 15.

Saturday 14th of September -Victorian State Schools Spectacular

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# Malmsbury Primary School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 2—Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### Womin-dji-ka | Welcome

It has been a busy week at Malmsbury Primary School. We have had a number of grounds works finished off, including the remaining concreting, installation of outdoor power points, lighting, and our new oven and stove. This is bringing to a close some of the major works that have been scheduled for the year. It has been great hearing the positive feedback about the works that have been done to build up safety and functionality of our physical grounds. It has also been great to see the fun activities and experiences that our grade 3 and 4 students have been having on their Sovereign Hill camp. We look forward to hearing all their stories and experiences. Fingers crossed they bring home some large gold nuggets.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all the staff and parents who were able to meet for interviews over the week. It is great to see how we can continue to work together to support each child's learning.

Grade 3/4 parents still have upcoming interviews on Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st.

### Grade 3/4 Camp Sovereign Hill:

The grade 3 and 4 students have had an absolutely wonderful time on camp at Sovereign Hill over the past 3 days. The students have been panning for gold, going on mine tours, learning about the history of the area, watching displays of the machinery, and everyone's favourite, the confectionery making. A huge thanks goes out to Siobhan for all her organisation of the camp. Also to Kerryn, Kevin, and Angelica for their support across the camp to help ensure students have these opportunities. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated by our community.

### Smile Squad School Dental Checks:

The Smile Squad have booked in this coming Monday and Tuesday the 29th and 30th of July for their follow up visits. The Squad will first follow up with students yet to be assessed and then will work with any students who required follow up treatments. We are happy to have the Smile Squad visit Malmsbury PS and provide this free service to our community.

### Team Malmsbury- Fundraising Committee Meeting- Friday 2nd August- 9am:

The Fundraising committee will be holding a meeting on Friday the 2nd of August at 9am, straight after school drop off time. The committee will be looking at the fundraising events for term 3. The committee welcomes anyone who is interested in helping support the fundraising efforts for our school. If you are free at 9am on the 2nd, drop in and join the meeting in the library.

### Fresh Fruit Fridays- Parent/Carer/Guardian/Family Volunteers Needed:

A big thank you to Lou and Gena for collecting some fresh fruit from Foodbank and preparing it for our students this morning. We are looking to continuing this Fresh Fruit Friday and it is a great opportunity for parent/family members to be a bigger part of our school. If you are free on a Friday morning for around 30 minutes to help our Junior School Council prepare the fruit, please let me know.

### Second Hand Uniform Stall- Looking for Donations of Uniform:

Thank you to Bobbi for all the work that you do in helping to run the second hand uniform stall for our community.

Currently, our stock is very low in the 10 to 14 sizes. If you have any old uniform that can be donated to the stall, or you know of families that have old uniform that may help replenish our stocks, please feel free to drop in any donations at the office. All donations of clothing are greatly appreciated.





#### Malmsbury Market Stall:

Even with the bad weather that graced the Macedon Ranges on Sunday, the stall was still able to raise \$424 for the day. \$120 of this was through the new Eftpos terminal, money that may have gone wanting without it. It has been a great addition to our school and for our fundraising activities.

#### **CDSSA Athletics Bendigo:**

Erin has worked through the results of our school athletics event last term, and selected students in grades 3 to 6 who will compete in the upcoming CDSSA area athletics day. This will be held on Friday the 16th of August. Students who have been selected have brought home information and permission notes yesterday. Students in grade 3 and 4 who have been selected will receive their notes on Monday.

#### Science Week:

This year, Science week is being held from the 10th to the 18th of August. The school theme for National Science Week in 2024 is *Species Survival - More than just sustainability*. The theme aims to highlight the importance of science and innovation in ensuring the survival and thriving of different species in an ever-changing world. You can access more information from the following website :

### https://www.scienceweek.net.au/

Across this week, students will participate in a variety of science activities in their classrooms. We will be holding an open classroom day on Tuesday the 13th of August for parents and families to come and join in any activities that their child's classroom are doing on the day.

#### Book Week:

This year, Book Week is running from August 17th to the 23rd <u>https://cbca.org.au/#</u>. This event is a great opportunity to celebrate all the fantastic books that provide us with entertainment, lifelong lessons, and the ability to use our imaginations. We will be celebrating this event on Friday the 23rd August with students being encouraged to dress as their favourite book character. We will have a morning Book Character Parade followed by some enjoyment of reading. I welcome parents to join us for the morning parade and reading. It will be great to see so many people enjoying a range of wonderful stories.

#### Olympic Music Performance Day:

On Tuesday the 6th of August, our students will be presenting their performances at the Malmsbury Town Hall. Anna has been working tirelessly with the grades to create an Olympic Opening Ceremony style performance.

Parents and family members are more than welcome to come and watch the performances. We have not yet set a specific time for the performances, but they will occur between 11.30am and 1.30pm. We hope you are able to make it.

Each grade has been allocated a country and will perform a song and dance celebrating their countries. On the day students will wear colours related to the Olympic Host Countries. If you have any trouble with finding the right coloured clothing, please let us know.

Prep/Grade: Australia (green and yellow)

Grade Two/Three: Greece (blue and white)

Grade Three/Four: China (yellow and red)

Grade Five/Six: Britain (blue, white and red).

### Victorian State Schools Spectacular- Saturday the 14th of September:

The website for booking tickets is now open. If you are interested in purchasing tickets to the State Schools Spectacular, you can use the following link <u>www.ticketek.com.au/spectacular</u>

There is a matinee show at 1.30pm and an evening show at 6.30pm to chose from.

How much are tickets? Adult: \$40 Concession: \$30 Child (U15): \$20 (an additional service fee per transaction applies on all purchases)

Our students are in the Mass Choir- Part 2. The suggested seating sections for this are Section 17, 18, 44, 45, 46, 66, 67, 68

You may be able to get seats in these sections, or may need to go outside of these sections depending on availability.

Have a safe and happy weekend everyone, and thank you for your continued support. <u>Travis Pool</u>, <u>Principal</u> <u>Travis.Pool@education.vic.gov.au</u>

### WEEKLY STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's winners: Ami, Angus, and Thomas



### JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL EVENTS

Green and Gold Day Malmsbury Munchies (MM)	Friday 2nd August Wear Green and Gold to support the Olympians MM: Green and Gold Pancakes
Minischoolympics	Friday 9th August 11:30 - 1:30pm 6 odd and fun activities ran by JSC, School Leaders and House Captains
Whole School Community Read/ Malmsbury Munchies	Monday 16th August 9am -9:30am Invite the school community for a whole school read MM: Hot chocolate and marshmallows



### 2024 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey:

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

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey 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 and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 29 July to Friday 30 August 2024**.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

You can access the survey at <u>https://www.orima.com.au/parent</u>

You can complete the survey using our school pin 913564

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. Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / caregivers / guardians who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school directly for survey guides in your language.

Last year we used the survey results to plan for student wellbeing and respectful relationships focus areas, developing student voice opportunities, focusing on developing our physical environment, and building communication practices.

If you would like more information about the survey, please feel free to come and see me.

Kind regards, Travis Pool

Principal, Malmsbury Primary School

## AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

### Grade Prep/1:

Woohoo! Congratulations to the Preps, who this week are 100 days smarter! Monday was the official 100<sup>th</sup> day, which we celebrated with not quite 100 cupcakes, but with cupcakes in the shape of 100 <sup>(1)</sup> So our focus this week has been around 100. We have walked 100 steps around the soccer pitch and discovered that it takes more than 100 steps to get around it. We have made paper chains with 100 links, built a structure using 100 pieces of Lego/Duplo or blocks and wrote a whole class story based on, you guessed it, 100! And what a great story it is, of course it has dragons, portals, flying trolls, steam trains and krakens! Check out the pictures of different ways we explored 100. Hope you enjoy our story as much as we enjoyed writing it.

### Bill and the Prep/Ones!

Part 1.

Boom, Bang, Bash! Bill the Monster was throwing giant rocks at the Dragon Train. The Prep/ Ones are on the Dragon Train, going to Melbourne for an exciting adventure! Thankfully, he missed! Bill picked up a humongous boulder and threw it towards us, but missed again. He was getting frustrated and angry. He was also embarrassed because he was a really good thrower, but he kept missing the train. Bill picked up a piece of famous Malmsbury bluestone and threw towards us. But the Dragon Train saw the bluestone and melted it with his fire. Then he blew the ashes towards Bill so he couldn't see us. Bill is trying to explode the universe! Prep/Ones have to find a way to stop him.

Part 2.

All of a sudden, Bill stopped throwing the rocks and boulders. He thought he could trick us. He threw a rock all the way to Melbourne. He threw it really high and it landed on the Dragon Train tracks... The rock hit the powerlines and exploded. One hundred tiny pieces of rock came out the sky like large hail stones. They hit the carriages and it felt like a terrible storm multiplied by one hundred. We could smell acid falling from the sky. We started going crazy scared. We panicked, we didn't know what was happening! The Dragon Train died and fell off the bridge into the water. One hundred krakens circled the Dragon Train, getting excited about their new meal...US! Just then, one hundred flying trolls and goblins joined hands to make a net. They scooped us up and flew us to Giant Apple Land. Part 3.

In Giant Apple Land, everything is made out of apples. There are apple factories and apple houses. There are one hundred apple trees that don't look like normal apple trees. They all have normal tree trunk, that is giant, with one giant apple on top, and two apples branching out from the side like arms. When everyone is asleep in their apple houses, the arms put the apples into the tree trunk to sleep and then the tree stands like zombies. The stalk from the giant apple on top, grows down and makes an electric fence to protect the people in Giant Apple Land while they sleep.

Part 4.

Bill glows in the dark and has great night vision. He can see how the tress disguise themselves, but he knows a secret night portal. Meanwhile, the Prep/Ones are at the Giant Apple Motel, which is shaped as an apple. They hear a creaking noise, followed by a loud stomping noise. They all run to the window and whisper, "It's Bill, it's Bill". They see the Dragon Train, so they run to it. But the Dragon Train opens its mouth and breathes fire at them! Oh no, Bill the Villain has hypnotised the Dragon Train and it has become evil. Prep/Ones jump out of the way and dig a tunnel under the electric fence. They quickly fill the tunnel with gravel so Bill can't get through. Prep/Ones realise that the portal is still there, so they run through it to get back to Melbourne. Once everyone is through, they destroy the portal with their diamond axes and swords. Bill is trapped in Giant Apple Land forever.

Phew, we are all safe in Melbourne, but we need to get back to school. We spot a steam train, but it's not an ordinary steam train. It is magical! It can fly! We hop aboard and the magical train flew us back to school. When we went back to school the next day, we realised we all had the same dream!

The End!

### **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

### Grade 2/3:

This week in class, the Grade 2 students engaged in an exciting science experiment creating 'Streaky Paper'. They began by crushing chalk and combining it with oil in cups, then carefully pouring each mixture into water containing vinegar. The result was mesmerising, vibrant pools of colour formed on the water's surface, showcasing the interaction between the chalk, oil, vinegar, and water. This hands-on activity not only demonstrated chemical reactions and properties of substances but also sparked curiosity and engaged the Grade 2 students in exploring the fascinating world of science firsthand, while the Grade 3 students were away on camp.

We launched our math unit this week on Multiplication with an engaging focus on doubling numbers from 0 to 10. Students have been actively learning to double these numbers and write out the corresponding addition equations. Additionally, they are mastering the technique of skip counting in twos to swiftly arrive at the correct answers. This approach not only strengthens their foundational understanding of multiplication but also enhances their computational skills and confidence in tackling mathematical challenges. Through hands-on activities and collaborative learning, students are eagerly embracing the principles of multiplication, laying a solid groundwork for further mathematical exploration.







### GRADE 3 AND 4 CAMP SOVEREIGN HILL































# FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY



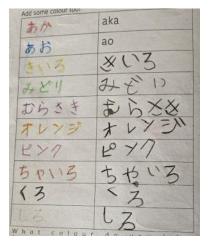




### JAPANESE

This week in Japanese the students learned about colours. We refreshed our memory of Auslan colours and learned how to say them in Japanese. The students could notice similarities between some of the words written in Japanese script and could recognise that two words were borrowed from English (pinku and orenji). Here are some examples of outstanding work by Malmsbury Primary students. Subarashii! (Amazing!)

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# GUESS THE STAFF MEMBER!

Every week we are interviewing a staff member and giving you some small hints... we challenge you to guess the staff member we have interviewed. Write you name, class, and answer on a slip of paper. Submit your guesses to the box in Jan's office. The first correct answer we pull from the box at assembly, wins a prize!

How old are you? *More than 3 decades* 

Do you live in Malmsbury? *No* 

Are you a cat or a dog person? *Cat* 

Favourite thing to teach? *Children* 

Favourite colour? Green, changes all the time

Do you have kids? Yes

Least favourite footy team? *Collingwood* 

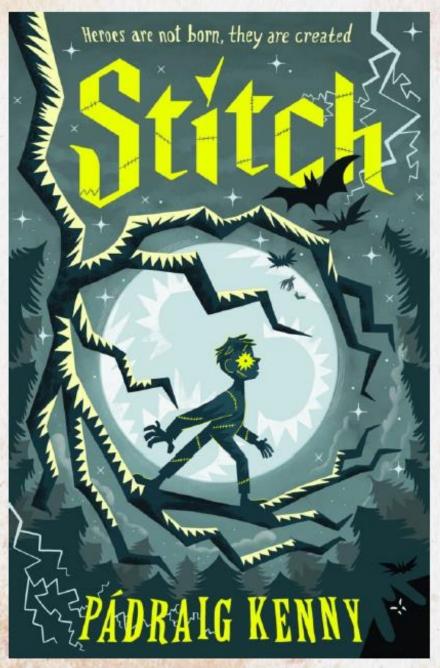




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