Dear Parents and Friends,

Thank you everyone who came along to our Twilight sports and BBQ last Thursday. It was a fun way to end the day and great to see our families getting to know each other. The adult/child races were very funny and our students loved having a grown up here to have fun with. Thank you again for entering into the spirit of the afternoon.

The BBQ was delicious with some seriously scrumptious salads—thank you to our parents who had time to bring one along. Thank you Greg for being in charge of cooking the BBQ. There are a few salad bowls left in the staffroom from the night. If you are wondering where your salad bowl is, please come and check the collection in the staffroom.

Change to DET policy re. fire danger days.

Last week I attended a meeting to learn more about the new DET policy of schools being able to apply for permission to close or relocate on Extreme Fire Danger rating days. Extreme Fire Danger days are declared in a district when 10% or more of a district is expecting Severe or Extreme fire conditions. If our school is located outside of the 10% area it is likely that permission to close or relocate would be refused.

If we wanted to relocate we would need to have prior arrangements with a school that was able to accommodate us in such a way that our student’s education was able to continue as usual.

School Council will be discussing this new policy before the end of term and I will keep you informed as to the result of our discussions.

School Council elections.

Nominations for School council need to be in by Thursday 25th February. Forms are available from the office.

Getting the most out of school life.

Don’t forget next Tuesday 23rd Feb we are holding a ‘Getting the most out of school’ information night. A note went home yesterday and a copy is in today’s newsletter. Please fill out the reply slip so we know if you are coming along and if your child/ren will be attending child minding.

Camps, Sports and Excursions fund- $125 per student.

To be eligible you need to be a holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold card, an eligible Centrelink Health Care card or a Pensioner Concession card. Applications are available from the notices near the staffroom. It is certainly worth your while putting an application in. Speak to Deb if you’re not sure about the process. Applications must be returned to the office by 29th February.

See you Tuesday evening.

Warm regards,
Carolyn Tavener.
Principal
Our School Values for this term are Responsibility and Inclusiveness.

Responsibility – We tell the truth.
We make sure we are ready to learn.
We look out for each other.

Inclusiveness – We try to understand and be aware of others’ feelings.
We treat people as equals.
We invite people to join in.

Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC)
Well, the mini quiches were a BIG hit! Fun to make and delicious to eat – yummo!
Here is our program for next week-
Monday – Cheese, tomato & biscuits. Paper mache, drawing and Farmer Sam game.
Tuesday – Fruit & vegie ‘pictures’. Board games and playing ‘Hunter’ outside.
Wednesday – Fruit salad & yoghurt. Dancing and Octopus.
Thursday – Raisin bread. Bingo and basketball.
Friday – Sandwiches. Party game night and Duck, duck, goose.

Our OSHC children are such a pleasure to spend time with – polite, enthusiastic and full of great ideas. I am really enjoying spending time with them. Don’t forget, for your child to attend OSHC they must have a 2016 enrolment form completed and handed in to the office. Children can be booked in by 11am each day or you can make a permanent booking for a particular day of the week.

From Claire.

Parents Club.
Thank you everyone who came along to our AGM Tuesday afternoon or who emailed an apology to let us know they would like to be involved in some way.
Congratulations to Katie Wilson and Marg Barry who are our Co-Presidents and Secretary. Our general members are: Leilani, Kathryn, Olivia, Desiree and Greg.
We raised $6,000 last year – a very successful year. This money will be spent on improving our school grounds. Our next meeting is Tuesday 1st March at 2:30pm in the Playgroup room. Hope to see you then.
From Katie and Marg.

Absent: Gabriel

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students for striving to be the best they can be.

Writer of the Week.
Riley D for pushing himself to put more detail in his writing.
Gabriel for writing an amazing Very Hungry Caterpillar story.

Musician of the Week-
Tobe for learning all three marimba parts in Ensemble.

You Can Do It Award-
Hamish for great use of his Resilience key.

Mathematician of the Week-
Sylvie for using her initiative and using resources to model her learning.

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LEARNING, SHARING, GROWING TOGETHER

Twilight sports and BBQ.
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Having fun at OSHC!
PREMIER’S ACTIVE APRIL CONSENT FORM

Premier’s Active April is a Victorian Government initiative that encourages Victorians to participate in 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April.

To accompany this form, we recommend you visit www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/schools to download our Information for Parents flyer that explains the health and wellbeing benefits of joining Premier’s Active April and outlines the great incentives and prizes you can win by registering.

This year, our school will be participating in Premier’s Active April and we are asking students to join their school or class team and get more active and join the fun.

There are three options below showing you how to register and join our school team. Please contact the school if you need further information.

Registration and Team Details
Login / Register activeapril.vic.gov.au
Team ID malmsbury-ps-superstars
Team Name Malmsbury PS Superstars

- Once registered, students will have the option to join multiple teams. We encourage you to register your whole family and create a family team as well, enabling you to share the experience and keep each other motivated.

How to join our school team:

1) If your family are already registered:
   1. Login to the Active April Activity Tracker app using the student’s username and password
   2. Go to the Teams page and select “Request to join a Team”.
   3. Enter the Team ID (see above) and click “Send Request”
   4. A notification will be sent to the teacher who created the team. After the teacher accepts the request, the student will see the team details when they next login.

2) If your family are not registered
   1. Register at activeapril.vic.gov.au – register yourself first, then register family members.
   2. Once registered, your child can use their unique username and password to access the Activity Tracker and program incentives.
   3. In the top right navigation, change “Logged in as:” to the relevant child’s name. You’ll now be viewing the Activity Tracker app as though you are logged in as this user. NB: you may need to refresh the page to see this.
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3) If you’d like the school to register your child
   - If you don’t have access to the internet, you can sign the consent form over the page, complete a few registration details and return it to your classroom teacher.
School Council elections.
Each year, half of our parent school council positions become vacant and nominations are called for. This year we have four vacancies and our school council election time line is as follows:
**Thursday February 11th**—Notice of election and Call for nominations
**Thursday February 25th**—Closing date for nominations. If more nominations than positions, list of candidates and nominators displayed near office and ballot papers prepared.
**Thursday March 3rd** Ballot papers distributed.
**Thursday March 10th**- Close of ballot and vote count.
**Friday March 11th**—Declaration of ballot.
Nomination forms are available from the office. You can nominate your self or be nominated by someone else with your agreement.

**Why would you want to be on school council?**
Being a member of our school council offers you the opportunity to work with an enthusiastic group of parents and staff members who are working together to set the key directions for our school and to improve our school to the benefit of all our students.
As a school councillor you help to represent our school in the wider community and to promote meaningful school and community participation. You don’t need to have any special skills or be an expert but you do need to like people and be able to work in a team, to be keen to help us make Malmsbury PS the best school it can be now and into the future. Children whose parents are actively involved in the school feel a greater sense of belonging with the school.
Our school council generally meets twice a term on a day and time that suits the school councillors. Last year our school council met on the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm.
If you have any questions, please see Carolyn.
Getting the most out of school life.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next Tuesday 23rd February, 6:00-7:30pm we are hosting an evening that will support you and your family to get the most from school life.

Strong connections and partnerships between home and school are an important factor in our students experiencing success at school.

We will be discussing routines, expectations, behaviour management, communication, homework, literacy, numeracy and more. It will be an evening for sharing what we do at school to support your child, what you do at home and coming up with agreed expectations in areas such as homework.

Not only will you have an enjoyable evening but supper and child minding will be provided!

Please return the slip below by Monday 22nd so we know you are coming and if your child/ren will be attending child minding in the library.

Getting the most out of school life.

☐ YES we will be attending ‘Getting the most out of school life’ on Tuesday 23rd Feb, 6:00-7:30pm.

☐ YES our child/ren will be attending child minding.

Parents name/s: __________________________

Child/ren’s names: __________________________
COMMUNITY NEWS

Kyneton Secondary College
English and Literacy Information Night

The staff at Kyneton Secondary College warmly invite primary school parents to our English and Literacy Parent Information Evening, which will be held on Wednesday 24 February at 7pm.

During the Information Evening we will further explain the new literacy program, as well as providing ideas on the ways you can support the development of your child’s literacy at home through their transition to secondary education.

Any enquiries can be directed to our literacy leader Sharon Bird, or to the English co-ordinators Cas Tardif and Kate Rantall on 5421 1100.

KARATE

Kidz Beginners Classes

TUESDAY @ 6.30 - 6.15pm
Book before the 23rd Feb to receive

!!! TWO FREE LESSONS !!!

Kyneton Aquatic Centre

CLASSES CONDUCTED BY:- Sensei George Pavlov 4+Dan
Sensei Daniel Pavlov 3rd Dan

FOR ANY INFORMATION call, Sensei George on 0419114457
or check us out on the internet at www.centralvickarate.com

DO YOU WANT TO PLAY SOCCER IN 2016?

Soccer is a team sport that is fun and helps in developing social skills. The Kyneton Soccer Club offers opportunities to play this team sport for all boys and girls from competitive Under 12 up to Under 18 and even Senior Men’s and Women’s as well as a Mini-Roo’s program for younger participants.

For more details contact Ron Colo 0411 289717 or Lance O’Donnell 0418 174427

The clubs website is at www.kynetonsoccer.org.au Come and join a successful club that is based around family.

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Kyneton Football Netball Club
Juniors

2016 Registration Day
Sunday 21st February
10:30 -12:30
Showground Oval

Registration and Club information
Auskick information

Come and meet our 2016 coaches,
footy drills and sausage sizzle

Training Sessions Starts

U10’s: Thursday 10th March 4pm Bottom Oval
U12’s and U12 Girls: Tuesday 1st March at 4pm
Bottom Oval
U14’s: Tuesday 1st March at 4:15pm
Showground Oval
U16’s: Currently training Monday and Wednesday
4:30pm Showground Oval
U18YG: Currently training Monday and Friday
4:30pm Showground Oval

Contact: Josie McLeish: kfcjuniorssecretary@gmail.com or 0402900917
Ron Rutledge: 0411483976

Berrick Breheny's Cuba fundraiser
Sunday 21st Feb
5PM

QUBA
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KGB
Elvis Walsh
The Seduceseaphones

Tickets:
Student/Concession: $20
Waged: $25
T-shirts available

Get your tickets at
www.trybooking.com or at the
Theatre Royal

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Select a mate, a challenge, and a fun consequence if they don't complete it before time runs out. It's the truth or dare of goal setting. Everything is easier with help.
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SUSTAINABLE LIVING FESTIVAL
Saturday & Sunday
27th & 28th February 2016

ENTRY
$10 ADULT / $5 CHILD
$25 FAMILY
all included

THE MILL
Saturday 10am - 4pm
Black Forest Timber Mill

THE GARDEN
Saturday 10am - 4pm
Community Garden & Hub

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY EXPO

FOOD & GARDENING EXPO

COMMUNITY PICNIC
Sunday from 12.30pm
Woodend Children’s Park

Sustainable Ranges
SUSTAINABILITY group

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