Dear Parents,

Tomorrow is Walk Safely to School and town students are encouraged to meet bus travelers at either Edenhope Pitstop or the Edenhope Tennis Courts so we can all walk to school together.

All students are to all please wear their winter uniform tomorrow as school photos are happening first up. This includes long pants for the boys, winter skirts for girls with navy tights and everyone in black school shoes.

I will be attending a South West Principal Network Meeting in Hamilton once the photos have been taken. From there I will be travelling to Ballarat to receive the BDSAC Award with the other Principals from the Western Trinity for “Partnerships in Education”. Teachers from the three schools will also be attending.

Next Monday, three staff members will be attending professional learning around the Autism Spectrum Disorder.

On Tuesday, we will be celebrating Catholic Education Week with the schools in the Western Trinity. See more details under Catholic School Culture.

On Wednesday, we will be having an Open Day where everyone is welcome to come and walk through the school from 10:00 – 11:00am followed by morning tea. All community members and prospective families welcome.

Sarah Macdonald the speech pathologist will also be visiting on Wednesday. She will be in the EMU room, my old office.

On Thursday, Matt O’Brien will be here to support staff with literacy, looking at complex sentences and Teresa will be supporting us with our maths documentation.

Year 4/5/6 have their excursion to Horsham on Friday. We hope they learn many interesting facts.

He only is great of heart who floods the world with a great affection.
He only is great of mind who stirs the world with thoughts.
He only is great of will who does something to shape the world to a great career, and
He is greatest who does the most of these things and does them best.

RD Hitchcock
Catholic School Culture

Sunday Church Roster
May 21st

READER: G. Griffin
PRAYERS: A. Kealy
GIFTS: T & C Heenan
LEADERS: A Kealy
MINISTERS: A. Kealy
CLEANING: M. Rowe, K. Neall
LINEN: M. Burns
COLLECTION: R. Burgess, G. McDonnell
LAWNS: D. Brook

Sunday Mass Times
6th Sunday of Easter
Edenhope 11:00am Mass

In many homes, people feel orphaned, alone and unable to trust any family member, regardless of how many people live with them. You may be one of these people or you may know someone who suffers in this way. In this week’s Gospel John says that praying and reaching out to others for help, can help. Who do you turn to for help when you need it?

This week reach out to someone you see or know is suffering.

Fr. John in the Holy Land
In an effort to build up good will and dialogue, each year the Australian Israeli Jewish Affairs Council offers Australian politicians, Muslim clerics, and Christian ministers free guided tours of Israel and Palestine. Fr John is on such a trip, and will bring everyone’s prayer intentions with him when he visits the holy shrines.

Thank you to Fr Denis Ryan, who will supply weekend Masses in Fr John’s absence. The priests in Hamilton and Mt Gambier have offered to assist at any Funeral Masses. Fr John returns on Wednesday 24 May.

Catholic Education Week
“Strive for the greater gifts” 1 Corinthians 12:31
On Tuesday, we will be celebrating Catholic Education Week with the schools in the Western Trinity. We will be commencing with an Indigenous Liturgy at around 10:30am in St. Malachy’s Church. All welcome to join us.

Students will need to have packed a fruit snack and water bottle; however an Indigenous themed lunch will be served after the Liturgy and Smoking Ceremony. Following lunch there will be some Indigenous Dancing. The day should conclude around 2:00pm.

Reconciliation Week
National Reconciliation Week is an annual celebration for all Australians to reflect on our shared histories and on the contributions and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. This year’s theme is “Let’s take the next steps”. We are combining the two themes of “Strive for the greater gifts” with “Let’s take the next steps” in our Liturgy on Tuesday. You will see decorated feet around the Church after we have been there!!

ECSI
Please it is not too late to complete the Enhancing Catholic Identity online Survey. Tomorrow is your last chance!!! Many thanks to those few parents who took the time to complete the surveys. I will draw the Coffee Shop prize at Assembly on Monday.

http://www.schoolidentity.net
Logon with our Group Entry Code: Ghj654
Click on To the Surveys
Click on New User
You will be asked for an email address and you can record your username and password that is issued which can be used to complete the survey if you don’t manage to in the first sitting.

You can enter E2052 or scroll down and then click on St. Malachy’s School to let you enter the survey. They do take about an hour to complete.
Religion
Our Unit is the Sacraments of Initiation. We have been looking at what things we have to do to become a member of the school community. What are our rights and responsibilities within that group? How does this compare to being a member of the Church community?

English
We are finishing off Persuasive Writing by writing a piece on what superhero we would like to be and why. We are making sure we are including an introduction, at least three reasons and a conclusion.

Our focus for reading this week has been on taking a breath for full stops and a short pause for commas when reading aloud.

Mathematics
We are finishing up with exploring 2D and 3D shapes. We are moving onto addition and subtraction. Our focus will be on developing a range of efficient mental strategies for solving addition and subtraction problems. We will also learn how to record our working out using written methods but the actual solving of the problems will be done mentally. It is better to solve one problem in three different ways than one set method.

Assembly Awards

Student:
Grace – improvement in her handwriting
Emma & Jessie – awesome effort in Cross Country
Brianna – knowing all her letters of the alphabet
Sienna – being extremely helpful especially with getting jobs done
Year 6 for their great job, serving on Mother’s Day

Reading Awards F/1
25 nights or more
Ayla, Max, Grace, Fletcher, Hudson, Olivia, Jimmy and Gabi

50 nights or more
Jack, Brianna, Nyima

House:
Glenelg/McAuley

Behaviour of the Week:
Continuing to wipe feet before entering the school building
Remembering to do jobs

Assembly Attendance
All parents are welcome to attend Assembly on a Monday morning at 8:50am. On Monday we will be acknowledging those students who have worked hard in developing their understanding of shape based on pre and post testing. We will also share the data for each class showing the improvement they have made.

Leadership & Stewardship
Child Safe Standard 3:
Adopt a child safety code of conduct for all staff, parents, visiting workers and volunteers.

Thank you to those parents who have indicated that they would be happy to assist in the classroom. Your help will be very much appreciated and your child’s class teacher will be in contact with you soon.

In keeping with Child Safe Standard 3, as outlined above; all classroom volunteers will need to have a current WWCC, sign a volunteer privacy document and our code of conduct. You will also be supplied with a copy of our Child Safe Policy.

Response to Intervention
Yesterday, Monica and I attended a Response to Intervention Day run by Hawker Brownlow. The main ideas from this professional learning are that all students can learn to high levels given the required time and right support. There are three tiers of support for students – Core Suppprt which is what the classroom teacher provides
More Support – which is where students are in smaller groups with the teacher providing more targeted and specific learning as required by those students
Specialised Support where a student will be supported through an evidence based program every day either one on one or in small groups.
(This would include Reading Recovery, EMU etc)
The sooner we can intervene if a child is at risk, or not making the expected progress the better the outcome for the child.

Wellbeing

Sport Shorts

Congratulations to Eddie who finished in 4th place at the Little Desert Cross Country in Kaniva. He now qualifies to go to the next level – Greater Western to be held in Warrnambool.

Other results are as follows:
Buzz 10th Ryley 12th Mitchell 15th
Lachy 24th Holly 12th Sienna 13th
Jaali 17th

Visitors to the School

It is most important that visitors to the school, including parents and grandparents please enter the school via the new main entrance and sign in. With the Child Safety Standards it is very disconcerting if we do not know who has entered the school premises and for what reason.

Keeping children safe is everyone’s responsibility and the Child Safety Standards have to be met by all organisations where child related activities take place.

Free Dental Check Ups

Nhill Dental Clinic will be visiting St. Malachy’s School on Wednesday, 31st May and Thursday, June 1st in their Mobile Dental Clinic.

An Oral Health Therapist (kid’s dentist) and a Dental Assistant from the Nhill Clinic will be providing a free check up for children in Foundation to Year 6. A letter will be sent home with each child after their examination explaining if there is a need for follow up treatment.
Follow up treatment can be provided in the Mobile Clinic while at our school.

In order for your child to access this free service you must return the completed and signed consent forms, medical history etc which are attached to this newsletter.

These forms will need to be returned to school by Friday, May 26th so that the Dental Clinic can make suitable arrangements for your child to be seen.
For further information please contact the Nhill Dental Clinic 5391 4266
Email: dental@wwhs.net.au
Monday – Friday 8:30am – 5:30pm

CentaCare Ballarat

CentaCare is offering weekly counselling sessions in Edenhope commencing next Tuesday and every following Tuesday. The counsellor will be Pauline McCracken and should you wish to make an appointment please ring the Ballarat Centacare Office on 5327 7900. All bookings are made through this contact number.

Anyone in the community is able to access the confidential and non judgemental services for free. Family Relationship Services provide counselling to support individuals, couples and families to assist with relationship challenges.

They also provide free parenting consultations and will run Parenting Skills, Bringing Up Great Kids and Tuning into Kids Programs. If you would be interested in any of the above mentioned programmes please contact Centacare or the school. We can then organise these programs to be held in Edenhope.

Community Engagement

Gardening Roster

Ferluga Family
Please prune and weed the garden bed on the north end of the school.

Family Fun
One day this week, let your child make their own school lunch – encourage healthy options as an option!

Ask your parents before you give anyone on the internet your name, address or any personal details.
Men’s Shed
Men from the Men’s Shed have done a wonderful trial job in repairing and revamping the art room tables. They have done such a great job that they will now repair all of the tables. They take 2 at a time to repair and return them when completed, taking 2 more. Many thanks to these men for the great job they have done!

Mother’s Day
What a wonderful Mother’s Day Celebration we had last Friday. I was so proud to be a part of it (instead of attending a Principal Meeting), to hear the children’s prayers for mothers, to hear how special mothers are and to see children voicing their love for their mothers.

The Year 6 students did a wonderful job preparing our new community space for a celebration and for serving tea, coffee and treats to the many mothers and grandmothers who attended. Thank you to all mothers and grandmothers for your support and to the one grandfather who braved the occasion!!

Many thanks to all classroom teachers for your organizing and to Ashleigh who assisted with cooking, cleaning and dishes.

Fr. John aptly summed up mothers in his homily and I have included the following taken from this.

A Mother’s Wisdom
They say it takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you’ve had a baby They don’t know that once you become a mother, “normal” is history.

They say you learn how to be a mother by instinct They have never taken a 3-year-old shopping.

They say being a mother is boring They never instructed a teenage driver on L plates.

They say good mothers never raise their voices They never entered the back yard just in time to see her child hit a golf ball through the neighbour’s window.

They say you don’t need an education to be a mother They never help their kids with Grade 5/6 maths homework!

They say you can’t love the fourth child as much as you love the first They don’t have four children.

They say a mother can find all the answers to parenting in books They never had a child stuff beans up his nose.

They say the hardest part of being a mother is labour and childbirth They never watched her “baby” walk through the door on the first day of kindergarten.

They say a mother’s job is done when her last child leaves home They never had grandchildren.

They say your mother knows you love her, so you don’t need to tell her They are not a mother.