



St. Malachy's School

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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the five traditional owner groups of this land;
the Wotjobaluk, Wergaia, Jupagulk, Jaadwa and Jadawadjali people.

We learn, work and live and recognise their connection to land, water and community.

We pay respect to elders past, present and emerging, believing we can walk together for a better future.

Newsletter

Term 4, Week 1 : Friday, 7th October, 2022



From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4. The students had a spring in their step on Tuesday reuniting with their friends after the holidays.

The shade sails have all been put back up over the holidays and the students have been fantastic with putting their school hats on when going outside. No hat, no play – Barb does have spare second hand hats which have been helpful while the search is on for their old school hats. If your student requires a new school hat, send in \$10 with your child.

We have a full calendar this term starting with Maths Olympics next week for Year 3-6's on Monday.

The sacrament of Confirmation is being celebrated on Sunday, 16th at the 11 a.m. Mass and in Week 3, we see the 3/4s on camp to Cave Hill Creek @ Beaufort on the 19th and 20th with Gorgia and I.

Toys and personal items – with the excitement of the holidays, it looks like some students have received new toys and personal items (gel pens, games, etc.) A reminder to parents that no toys or personal items are to be brought to school unless prior arrangement has been made with the teacher for "show and tell", etc. This eliminates breakages, injuries, sharing issues, tears, etc. If your child happens to "sneak" a toy out of the house, it will be put away and it will be returned at the end of the day to go home – thank you for your understanding.

Any other issues, my door is always open or give me a call.

- John

Calendar

October

10th: Years 3-6 Maths Olympics
16th: Confirmation @ 11 a.m. mass
19th & 20th: Year 3/4 camp
24th: S.A.C. meeting
31st: Pupil free day – School Closure Day

November

1st: Melbourne Cup Holiday – no school

1st: All Saints Day
2nd: All Souls Day
4th: School Fete
8th: Instrumental Students Concert @ Edenhope Community Centre
11th: Remembrance Day
19th: Edenhope Show
30th: 2023 Foundation Transition Day

December

5th: Swimming Program starts
12th: W.T. "Fun Day" @ Coleraine
13th: Statewide Transition Day
13th: End of Year Thanksgiving Mass, 5 p.m., BBQ to follow
16th: Students finish school @ 3.25 p.m.



St. Malachy's Church Mass times

1st Sunday – 9 a.m.
2nd Sunday – 9 a.m.
3rd Sunday – 11 a.m.
4th Sunday – Lay Led
5th Sunday – 4 p.m.

World Mission Month 2022

This October, we are celebrating World Mission Month, a month dedicated to the life-giving work of missionaries around the world.



This year, we walk hand-in-hand with the Church of Ethiopia and the local communities towards providing life-changing opportunities to those most in need.

Pope Francis, in his 2022 World Mission Sunday message, invites everyone to answer the call to be missionary, sharing that "Mission is carried out together, not individually...".

Our Mission Day on Friday, 4th November is all part of this work. Any money raised will go towards Catholic Missions. Every little bit helps...

Around the school

Foundation – Mrs. Thomson

This term in Foundation, we are continuing to develop our literacy skills and will be focusing on transactional writing. Expect some letters to come home as we start getting into it. We are also going to be linking our spelling into our writing to help consolidate this knowledge. In maths, we will revise some previous topics and then have a look at money and measurement. Inquiry will see us focus on creativity and design this term in building robots while Religion's focus is bringing and experiencing Joy. We have heaps of great community activities planned before we look at the story of Christmas. **Note:** Health this term, is relationships and sexuality. We will be looking at the anatomical names for all body parts and consent as well as healthy relationships at an age appropriate level.

Christmas Classics Sockable fundraiser

With Christmas fast approaching and we scratch our heads for Christmas presents or stocking fillers, we thought we'd do a Sockable fundraiser to raise more funds for the school – we want to freshen up the junior classrooms with new modular furniture that can be moved between classrooms with fluctuating class numbers. The school receives \$1 for every pair of socks that are sold and parents, families and friends order direct and pay online at www.sockablefundraising.com.au. When you add your socks to the cart and ready to pay, in the drop down menu, select St. Malachy's. Your order will be delivered to the School and we will distribute to families from here. The fundraiser has an end date of **11th November** so you have a few weeks if you want to order any. Leaflet is attached and if you have any problems, let Barb know.

Year 3/4 - Ms. Sealey

This term, we will be incorporating Literacy with our inquiry unit which is all about creativity. We will be reading 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and exploring all the creative techniques Roald Dahl uses in his writing. We hope to use some of these skills in our own writing and attempt to persuade the rest of the school into purchasing some of our own marvellous potions and tonics.

Year 5/6 - Ms. Watt

We have an incredibly busy and creative term coming up in Term 4. We are looking at 'Creativity' in Inquiry, where we will be using recyclable materials to make sellable products at the end of the term; giving a new life to things we would usually throw away. R.E. follows this thread as we explore 'Transformation', studying St. Paul's story on the extraordinary power that can transform our lives. Maths will look at all of the nifty skills needed for living practically, such as time, geometry, decimals and fractions. All of this, with transitions and all of the exciting Mission Day/School Fete planning will keep us incredibly busy! We can't wait to get started!

Year 1/2 – Mrs Chadwick

Students have been really eager to sink their teeth into some exciting projects this term including spreading 'Joy' to our community for Religion and building a robot buddy in Inquiry. In Religion, we have gained inspiration from the tv series 'Old Folks Home for 4 Year Olds'.

2022 School Advisory Council

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