-ST. MALACHY'S SCHOOL



TERM 3 WEEK 1 13/7/23

"Pursuing fullness of life for all by inspiring faith, lifelong learning and community engagement."



We acknowledge the traditional owner groups of this land. 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.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL:

President: Chris White Vice-President: Elise Coxon Secretary: Gabi Chadwick Parent Rep: Leanne Dillon
Maintenance Representative: Mark McClure School Uniform Representative: Beck Merrett
Staff Representative: Gorgia Sealey Ex Officio Members: John O'Sullivan and Barb Ryan

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 3! I trust everyone has had a restful break as students have come back to school with a skip in their step and smiles from ear to ear.

This Friday we are having a working bee to tackle some of the odd jobs around the school. We would love families to come along and take this opportunity to catch up with everyone post-holidays in a constructive way. Please contact the school if you would like your children to stay at school on Friday afternoon, they will start their mini Working Bee at about 2:30pm. We know many hands make light work, so we look forward to seeing you all there. More information over leaf.

As we commence the second half of the year, I encourage students to remember to read every night as I noticed some beginning to fall out of routine towards the end of last term. I know this can happen easily with shorter daylight hours and winter sport schedules. However, we have some exiting special guests coming in this term to listen to reading and we would love students to feel confident when its their turn to read with them.

Finally, the Year 5/6 Melbourne Camp was a huge success with all of our students embracing the experience to the fullest. The weather was kind to us and staying at Urban Camp in Parkville was a great spot, close to all venues including the tram. I have made a booking for March 2025 at the same place which we look forward to.

Warm regards,

John



PRAYER

Dear Lord,

We ask for your kindness and mercy to provide shelter and warmth for those without a home.

Please grant them the essential resources and sustenance to endure winter's harsh and unforgiving elements. Bestow upon them the consolation of your presence so they may find solace and strength in your boundless love.

Amen

MASS TIMES

1st Sunday 9am 2nd Sunday 9am 3rd Sunday 11 am 4th Sunday Lay Led 5th Sunday 4pm







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Social Justice Committee:



This year the Social Justice Committee will be running Winter Warmers. Every Wednesday until the end of Term 3 we will offer small hot snacks for \$1.00. You can buy as many as you want! All money raised will go towards our Winter Appeal where we will purchase swags for the homeless.

Order forms will go home on Fridays, and they need to be back at school by the following Monday with the total money for your complete order. Late orders will not be accepted.

On Wednesday 19th July we will be having party pies, sausage rolls, spinach and ricotta rolls (vegetarian and gluten-free), and strawberry and peach jelly cups...all for only \$1.00 each! Keep an eye out for the order forms with this week's newsletter.

Social Justice Committee Taewun and Scarlett

Parent Resource

Tiny Hearts have created baby first aid courses and resources to help parents and caregivers, just like you, feel confident, educated and empowered to act in a first-aid emergency with their little one.

You will find an abundance of free information on their Facebook and Instagram pages regarding signs and symptoms to look out for and to act on with all things raspatory, choking, burns, allergy, and head knocks just to name a few. These are short short snippets which are handy to know or to reach to for piece of mind regardless of your child's age.





Child Safety: Stopping the Spread of Germs



Good hygiene is important to prevent the spread of illness. Many germs (bacterial and viral) are spread from person to person simply through touch (e.g. germs are on your hands after you touch a toy a sick child has been playing with).

Washing your hands and your children's hands is the best thing you can do to stop the spread of germs.

Things to remember:

- · It is important to regularly wash hands thoroughly to prevent the spread of illness.
- Wash hands for 15-20 seconds or as long as it takes to sing 'Happy Birthday' twice.
- Encourage children to cough or sneeze into their elbow, and to use tissues instead of hankies.

For more information, please visit the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne website at

https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/hand_hygiene_ why_is_it_so_important/.



Sports Update

Kowree School Sports, Term 3:

Little Desert Hockey (experienced players only Yrs 4-6) held on Thursday July 27th.

Kowree Athletics (F-Yr 6): Thursday August 31st, at St Malachy's School. Qualifiers (Yr 4-6) for Little Desert will proceed to Stawell on Thursday 7th September.

Western Trinity Athletics held at St Malachy's, date TBC.

Working Bee/Bonfire BBQ

This Friday, the school with support of the School Advisory Council, are holding our first "Working Bee" for the year. The working bee will commence at 3pm with students, staff and parents free to join us. We will conclude at 6pm with a BBQ and Bonfire.

- Sweeping up around Yr % classroom paths, outdoor healing space area, bark off paths.
- Garden edges cut
- Weeding and pruning of all garden beds inc. back door entry.
- Whipper snipping around trees, playground
- Sweeping / Vacuuming of undercover area
- Lawns mowed (school has zero turn mower if weather permits)
- Hedges trimmed in healing space
- Grasses dug and divided to fill in entry path garden beds.
- Sweeping of main entrance
- Moving some mulch.

I encourage you to BYO garden equipment for your use. The school will supply the BBQ, meat, salads and drinks for tea. Many hands make light work.

Australian Mathematics Competition

The AMC is Australia's longest running maths competition. It is a 60 minute problem solving competition for students in Years 3/4 and 5/6. There are 30 unique problems that are designed to challenge and engage students' maths problem solving skills.

Competition dates: 2nd -4th August (held at school).

Cost: St Malachys will cover the cost of entry (\$8 per student).

Format: Printed paper.

Any students interested MUST register with Sherryn Simpson by July 18th.

Peter Pan Update

This term the whole school will be focusing on their roles and performances for our school production of Peter Pan. It is proposed that our performance will take place on the evening of Thursday 14th September at the Apsley Hall.

Students are learning the following songs:

- Second Star To The Right (F/1)
- Accidentally In Love (2/3/4)
- Yo Ho A Pirate's Life For Me (2/3/4)
- Celebration (2/3/4)
- Never Smile At A Crocodile (F/1)
- I Need A Hero (whole school)
- Playing To Win (whole school)
- Top Of The World (whole school)





Term 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 1	10/7 School Closure Day Cancelled First Day of School	11/7	12/7	13/7	14/7 School Working Bee and Bonfire	15/16
Week 2	17/7	18/7	19/7	20/7	21/7	22/23
Week 3	24/7 Year 5/6 Combined Health with EC	25/7	26/7	27/7 Little Desert Hockey	28/7 F/1/2 Class Mass	29/30
Week 4 Year 5/6 EC Transition Session TBC	31/7	1/8	2/8	3/8	4/8	5/6
Week 5	7/8 Year 5/6 Combined Health with EC	8/8	9/8	10/8 Foundation 100 Days of School	11/8	12/13
Week 6	14/8	15/8	16/8	17/8 F-2 Excursion + Sleepover	18/8	19/20
Week 7 Book Week Year 5/6 EC Transition Session TBC	21/8 Year 5/6 Combined Health with EC	22/8	23/8 Book Week Dress Up Day	24/8	25/8	26/27
Week 8	28/8	29/8	30/8	31/8 Kowree Athletics	1/9 Father's Day Celebration (more info to come)	2/3 Father's Day
Week 9	4/9 Year 5/6 Combined Health with EC	5/9	6/9	7/9 Are You Ok Day? Little Desert Athletics	8/9 3/4 Class Mass	9/10
Week 10 Year 5/6 EC Transition Session TBC	11/5	12/9	13/9	14/9 Whole School Production	15/9 Footy Colours Day Last Day of Term (early dismissal)	16/17

