



"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, 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.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for the beginning of Term 4.

Lots of smiles greeted me yesterday morning as the students returned to school. The classes seem very settled and back into routine for the final leg of the school year. It was lovely to welcome back Gabi Chadwick yesterday to the Year 1/2 class and start to hear all about her overseas adventures with her husband Ben.

This term, the Year 6 students have some further transition days at Edenhope College planned along with transition days for the Kinder students with Edenhope Kindergarten.

Please read the school calendar to keep up with the dates for Term 4.

October is Mission Month and we are holding a "Working Bee" has been planned for Monday 20th November. This will be run in conjunction with children sharing their learnings and the Year 5/6 Mission Month activities. If you can lend a hand again, that would be great. Last time the 17 families saved us over \$2000 in labour costs, in gardening and the grounds looked amazing. Weeding, lawn edges, lawns mowed, whipper snipping and general gardening.

John

PRAYER

Blessing of the Animals

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures.

You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land.

You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters.

We ask you to bless this pet.

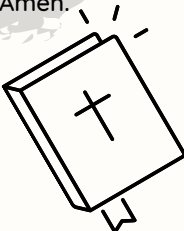
By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan.

May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.

MASS TIMES

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



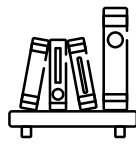
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Wednesdays Library Day

A friendly reminder that Wednesday's are our Library days. We encourage all students to bring along their library bag to borrow and return their books each week. The Library will be closed to borrowing from week 9 onward for stock take in preparation for 2024.



Child Safety:

Spring has sprung and the sun is slowly creeping out again. The Cancer Council has many good tips on how to protect yourself from harmful UV rays, how to check for sun damage and how to interpret UV ratings. Head to their website for more info: <https://www.cancervic.org.au/>



Mission Month

October marks the beginning of mission month for Christians around the world. As a school we will be engaging our senior students and Minni Vinnies to develop and implement initiative to help strive for the following Catholic Social Teaching Pillars.

An easy guide to Catholic Social Teaching Principles



Human Dignity

Everyone is special.

What is best for everyone?

Common Good



Solidarity

We are one big family.

All people should have a say!

Subsidiarity



Participation

We all want to work and contribute to our communities.

We are part of and need to care for creation.

Care for Our Common Home



Preferential Option for the Poor

Some people need extra help.

www.caritas.org.au

St Francis of Assisi & the Blessing of Animals

For the first time we are going to have the ritual of "Blessing of the Animals" next week.

Traditionally, many people bring their pets to the church or school to be blessed on St. Francis of Assisi's feast day because of his love for animals and all creatures.

He is remembered for his generosity to the poor, his willingness to minister to the lepers, and for his love for animals and nature. He is the Catholic Church's patron saint of animals and the environment.

Fr George is going to have a Blessing of the Animals on Friday

13th October at 9:30 am. If it is practically possible for parents to bring in a family pet for the 15 min ritual you would be very welcome. All creatures great and small are welcome! If you cannot bring your pet or they are difficult to manage, we encourage you to bring a photograph, collar, lead etc. to be blessed

Fr George will then stay on and say Mass with the 5/6 class outside.



Greater Western Region Athletics

Good luck to the following students who have qualified to compete in Ballarat on Friday. We hope you all enjoy the challenge and put your personal bests to the test!

Milly - Triple Jump

Max - High Jump

Hudson - 1500m + 800m

Brianna - Discus

Student PROFILE OF THE WEEK

Favourite movie:
Zero Chill

Favourite Book:
The once series

Favourite food
Pasta and Pizza

Favourite subject: Maths

If I was Prime Minister:
Make more homes for homeless people.

My teacher always says:
"essentially"

When I grow up:
A hairdresser, gymnast and a makeup artist.

Mr O says...

"Maddie is a bubbly character who loves to chat. You will generally hear her giggling before you can see her!"

Maddie Merrett



Swimming and Bike Education

During weeks 9, 10 and 11 we are excited to introduce both Swimming and Bike Education to conclude our Physical Education program for the year. We are looking forward to providing students with an opportunity to extend their skills in both of these areas. Details will be released closer to the dates however, we will be asking students to bring their bikes and helmets to school- just giving you a heads up! If your child doesn't have a bike we are able to help find an alternative bike and siblings will be able to share if preferred. Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.







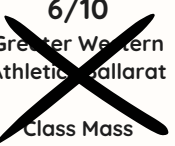
First Eucharist Students

This term we are delighted to congratulate the following four students preparing for their First Eucharist.

These students are:
Lillian McDonnell Yr 4
Matthew Stringer Yr 2
Sidney Frost Yr 2
Raziela Flores Yr 3



Term 4

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 1 Mission Month	2/10 	3/10 	4/10 	5/10 	6/10 Greater Western Athletic Ballarat  Class Mass	7/8
Week 2	9/10	10/10	11/10	12/10 Lakeside Living Visits	13/10 Blessing of the Animals + 5/6 Class Mass	14/15
Week 3	16/10	17/10	18/10	19/10 Lakeside Living Visit	20/10	21/22
Week 4	23/10	24/10	25/10	26/10	27/10	28/29
Week 5	30/10	31/10	1/11 All Saints Day	2/11 All Souls Day Lakeside Living Visit	3/11 School Closure Day Feast Day of St. Malachy!	4/5
Week 6	6/11	7/11 Melbourne Cup Day Holiday	8/11	9/11	10/11	11/12 Remembrance Day Park Run
Week 7	13/11	14/11	15/11	16/11 Yr 6 Transition Day @ the College	17/11	18/19 Edenhope Show Sacrament of First Communion
Week 8	20/11 Prep Transition 9-11am Working Bee Mini Vinnies Show Mission Day Activities	21/11	22/11	23/11	24/11	25/26
Week 9	27/11 Swimming & Bike Education Begins Prep Transition 9-11am	28/11	29/11	30/11 Melissa's Music Concert	1/12 Yr 6 Transition Day @ the College	2/3 First Sunday of Advent
Week 10	4/12 Prep Transition 9-1.30pm	5/12	6/12	7/12	8/12	9/10 Second Sunday of Advent
Week 11	11/12	12/12 Statewide Orientation Day F-6	13/12 Graduation Mass	14/12	15/12 Last Day of School for Students Santa's Workshop Dressup	16/17 Third Sunday of Advent



Year 3/4 BFG Celebration



Concert Practise



3/4 Class Mass



Year 5/6 sharing
our surprise made by the Year 1/2's!



Year 5/6 End-Of-Term 3 Global
Celebrations!

Week AHEAD

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W	Library Day: Please return any library books on Wednesdays
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F	6/10 Greater Western Athletics in Ballarat 15/10 The Blessing of the Animals @ 9:30am 5/6 Class Mass
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S	15/10 Church service at 9am



UPCOMING EVENTS at a glance...

1/11 All Saints Day
2/11 All Souls Day
3/11 School Closure Day
7/11 Melbourne Cup Day
11/11 Remembrance Day + Park run
16/11 Yr 6 transition Day

REMINDERS

- Hats, sunscreen & water bottles coming into summer
- Library books returned on Wednesdays
- Correspondence re home transport to the office by 2pm (if your child has a weekly change for sport, let the school know so it can be marked off on future rolls)