

# ST. MALACHY'S SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER  
TERM 1 WEEK 1



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.

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Our first week back has been a smooth start for students and staff.

A membership form for the Edenhope Library has been given to the students who are not members yet. If the forms can be returned asap I will pass them onto the library to process them. During the year we try to take the students to borrow on a regular basis to foster a love of books.

This newsletter also comes with the school photo form your child needs for Tuesday next week. Please contact the office if you would like family photos. Log in information for Seesaw is has been included. This is a platform some of you have used already and is now school wide for each class for you to keep up with classroom news.

It was wonderful to see the new Foundation class sitting around their new focus tables this morning working hard with Sherryn along with Rosina as the support teacher.

Because of our swimming program in the first two weeks, our timetable is a bit different to accommodate everything including specialist subjects.

John

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

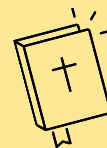
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## PRAYER

### A Blessing for the New School Year

With gratitude for the gift of a fresh new year  
we ask blessing on our whole community—  
May every classroom be a place of respect and possibility.  
May every staffroom and playground be a place of friendship and laughter.  
May every hall and assembly be a place of connection.  
May every library be a place of discovery.  
May every tree and plant call us to care for creation.  
May every snack and lunch remind us of those who are hungry.  
May every student grow in confidence and love of life.  
May every teacher find daily vision and hope.  
May every support worker help create a sense of belonging.  
May every leader find openness and patience.  
May every parent grow in wisdom.  
May every name in this school be blessed  
Because each person is precious  
And only together can we learn and grow.

by Michael McGirr, 2023



## MASS TIMES

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





Please find attached your children's log in information for Seesaw. Families who have already accessed their Child's Seesaw portfolios last year will need to follow the log in details for their 2023 portfolio.

## 2023 ST MALACHY'S SCHOOL

### HENLEY FLOAT

St Malachy's school will be entering a float in this years Henley parade and we would love families to get involved if possible.

Given that it is the 100 year celebration of Henley. St Malachy's have been working with the Henley committee to recreate some of the historical floats. St Malachy's will be recreating one a floral float that was created by Kevin Sumerhayes and was a key feature of the parade in the 1980s and 1990s.

Each family has been given an hour and a half time slot for one parent to attend and man the gate. We understand that some families will have several commitments on the day so it is important that you arrange a swap if you are unable to make your given time. Please contact the school if you are stuck. Many hands make light work.

Teachers will be supervising students at showgrounds from 10:30am until 2pm. Upon conclusion of the procession. Students will need collecting from the Apex park.

Students will either dress in black or dress as a flower/bug. You might be amazed what you can do with a pillow case and some duct tape! However, we will have items for students to wear if you're stuck.

### HENLEY HELPERS

Time	Gate 1	Gate 2
12:00-1:30pm	Robinson Bourne	King D&S McDonnell
1:30-3:00pm	Ferguson Oliver Nelson	Merrett Frost Coxon
3:00-4:30pm	Hateley Flynn Stringer	W&L McDonnell White
4:30-6:00pm	Tischler Holland	Dillon Rich
6:00-7:30pm	Taylor Lee	Whitehead Astbury



### SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will take place next Tuesday, please return forms to the school at your earliest convenience. If your form goes missing and you wish to order photos, please contact Barb at the office.

## Student PROFILE OF THE WEEK

*Gabi Bourne*

Favourite book: Mums don't fart

Favourite food: Fried rice

Favourite subject: Swimming, because the water cools you off.

If I was Prime Minister:  
Build wings for people to use to fly around.

My teacher always says:  
"Good morning and good afternoon"

When I grow up:  
I want to be a vet because I like animals.

Mr. O says...

"Gabi should be proud of her outstanding work ethic and kind hearted soul ..Although, her cheeky nature keeps the teachers on their toes"



### 5/6 LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

Leadership speeches will take place at school next Friday from 2:10pm. Any families who would like to come and watch are most welcome. Once speeches finish, students will vote for their 2023 student leadership positions and the outcome will be announced at the Opening Liturgy on Monday the 13th.

### WESTERN TRINITY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Tuesday the 14th we will travel by bus to Casterton for swimming. Students will wear their school uniform and a red, yellow or blue shirt according to their house colour. Families are welcome to make their way down to support the students, we would love to see you.

### SWIMMING RASHIE

A friendly reminder to check that your child has a rashie or a T-shirt to swim in as this is part of our SunSmart school policy.

### 3:15 FINISH

Please note the change of finish time to 3:15pm to align with the college and buses. With this in mind, please remember to have any change in travel arrangements made by 3pm to avoid the last minute rush. Feel free to call or text these through to either of the school numbers.

### OPENING LITURGY

We are changing things up with our Opening Mass this year. We will be holding it in the reflective garden and all family, friends and parishioners are welcome to join us on Monday the 13th of February at 9am.

This will be followed by our swimming carnival and concluding with a sausage sizzle around 12 pm.





We really appreciate our families and the way in which you support us. This year we want to support you by sharing some of our favourite parent resources. Keep an eye out for free websites and podcasts we think you might like. Google them for more information.

# DAD-PROOF TIP: ENCOURAGE POSITIVE ATTITUDES TO LEARNING

It's important to encourage positive attitudes to learning. Recent research shows that fathers have a significant impact on academic achievement. We also know children's attitude towards learning and school is also very strongly influenced by their father. So, if you model and encourage a love of learning you will be setting your child up for success throughout their life.

Everyone has different memories of their time in school. Some are very positive, and others are less positive. Personal experiences and memories can affect your attitude towards school in general.

Your attitudes towards school will be picked-up by your children. If these attitudes are positive your children will most likely begin school with a happy and positive attitude and be open to the whole new experience.





















### Top Tips

- Read with your child from an early age and encourage a positive attitude to learning.
- Talk about learning. Talk about your experiences of learning new things and how it has helped you in your work and life. Try learning something new together – build something, learn about something new about the world online, play general knowledge games and quizzes with the family.
- Promote a positive mindset in your children to help them see the benefits and enjoyment that can be found in learning and improvement.
- Don't put too much pressure on them. Encourage them to be as good as they can be and help them plan how to improve.
- Encourage them to see mistakes as an important part of the learning process and help them to see how to use their mistakes to learn.
- Take an interest. Read the school newsletter with your child and discussing articles and events. Ask your son about what they are currently learning about at school.
- Praise their efforts. Encouragement from dad goes a long way. Tell your child how proud you are of them when they try hard and have a positive attitude toward learning. You could reward by doing something together they enjoy.
- Make contact with their teachers. Children notice when their dad actively communicates with their teacher/s. This makes them feel that you are really interested in and connected to them.
- Be positive about school. Even if you have some not so positive memories of school or learning yourself, allow your child to create their own experiences of school. Speak positively about going to school and learning.

## WELCOME FOUNDATION STUDENTS



We are so lucky to have you! We look forward to working with you and watching you grow over the coming years.

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday Foundation Rest Day all Term 1	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 1 Swimming 	30/1 No Students Staff PD	31/1 Students return	1/2	2/2	3/2	
Week 2 Swimming 	6/2	7/2 School Photos 	8/2	9/2	10/2 Leadership Speeches 	11/2 HENLEY 
Week 3	13/2 *Opening Liturgy *St Malachy's Swimming Carnival 	14/2 WT Swimming Carnival - Casterton 	15/2	16/2	17/2	
Week 4	20/2	21/2 Shrove Tuesday 	22/2 Ash Wednesday 9:15 mass 	23/2 Parent Teacher Interviews 	24/2 Minnie Vinnies Stall 	
Week 5	27/2	28/2	1/3	2/3 Little Desert Swimming 	3/3	
Week 6	6/3	7/3 3/4 Camp - Dunkeld 	8/3 *3/4 Camp - Dunkeld *Kowree Swimming 	9/3	10/3	
Week 7	13/3 Labour Day Holiday	14/3 Greater W Swimming 	15/3 NAPLAN begins	16/3	17/3 St Patrick's Day 	
Week 8	20/3	21/3	22/3	23/3	24/3	
Week 9	27/3 NAPLAN ends	28/3	29/3	30/3	31/3 Minnie Vinnies Stall 	2/4 Palm Sunday 
Week 10	3/4	4/4	5/4	6/4 Last Day of Term 1 Easter theme dress up 	7/4 Good Friday 	9/4 Easter Sunday 