

# ST. MALACHY'S SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER  
TERM 1 WEEK 2



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: Gabi Chadwick Ex Officio Members: John O'Sullivan and Barb Ryan

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

This week we have seen considerable progress in students swimming abilities and confidence which has been pleasing considering the weather has been a challenge. I look forward to watching their efforts come together in both swimming carnivals next week.

I have been impressed with the number of students reading every night. It's really pleasing to have some students with 10 nights reading under their belt already. These students are on track to reach between 200-300 nights reading by the end of this year.

With Henley fast approaching the students excitement is building! Miss Farran has done an outstanding job helping students prepare hundreds of flowers and a giant swan for out recreation of the Summerhays floral float. Please remember to ensure you are on time for your shift on the gate. Find more information over the page.

Next week will be a busy one with the Opening School Liturgy, the announcement of Leadership rolls and two swimming carnivals. We are looking forward to welcoming our families into our school for these events.

A reminder also to please return any public library membership forms and sacramental forms.

John

## PRAYER

I pray that happiness be  
at your door. May it knock  
early, stay late and leave  
the gift of God's peace,  
love, joy and good health  
behind.



## MASS TIMES

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



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Address: 34 Lake Street, Edenhope, 3318  
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Principal: John O'Sullivan





Thank you to the many families who have signed into their child's Seesaw account. If you are having trouble or need the log in information again please contact the school. This will enable you to contact your children/s teachers directly as well as receive specific class announcements.

## 2023 HENLEY FLOAT

**Amended Time: Arrive 11:30am for judging to start at 11:45am (Edenhope show-grounds)**

### Supervision

Teachers will supervise students on the St Malachy's float for the duration of the judging and parade. Once the parade has concluded parents need to collect their children from the APEX park.

### Costume:

Dress in black (to become a flower) or dress as a flower/bug. Choose your easiest option!

### Gate Roster

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. We will assume You are covering the gate at your allocated time unless we have been notified of a swap. Thank you for your help with this.

Time	Gate 1	Gate 2
12:00-1:30pm	Robinson Stringer	Astbury <b>Help Needed Please</b>
1:30-3:00pm	Ferguson Oliver Nelson	Merrett Frost
3:00-4:30pm	Hateley Flynn Bourne	W&O McDonnell White
4:30-6:00pm	Tischler Holland	Coxon Rich Heath
6:00-7:30pm	Taylor D & S McDonnell	Whitehead King

## FAMILY PHOTO ORDER

If you wish to purchase a family photo (or any other photo) and have not yet received an order form, please don't hesitate to contact the front office to request one. Orders will close on Friday the 10th.



## Student PROFILE OF THE WEEK

*Matthew Stringer*

Favourite book: Bad Guys series

Favourite food: Brussell Sprouts

Favourite subject: Science

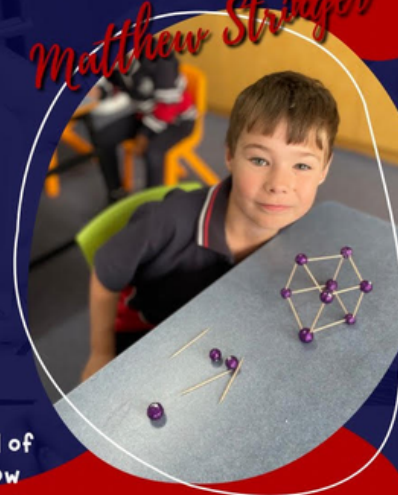
If I was Prime Minister:  
I would help the poor and those in need.

My teacher always says:  
"Good job!"

When I grow up:  
I want to be a bank person, like my Grandma.

Mr. O says...

**"Matthew is always up for a chin wag. All of the teachers love how he asks them how their day has been and greets them with an enthusiastic good morning!"**



## 5/6 LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

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

## 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. We will be announcing 2023 Leadership positions as part of this liturgy.

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

## ST MALACHY'S SWIMMING CARNIVAL

**When: Monday 13/02/2023**

**Time:** Our Liturgy starts at 9am in our reflective garden. The whole school will make their way to the pool afterwards for our St Malachy's swimming carnival.

### What to bring

All students will arrive in their school uniform (house colours accepted), get changed at school and walk down to the pool together. We encourage students to pack plenty of snacks, water and personal sunscreen if they require it. (We will provide sunscreen for students without sensitive skin)

We encourage families to join in on the fun and let us know if they would like to participate in our family relays. So bring your togs!

The school will be providing a BBQ for lunch at midday when the events have finished. No charge required.

If parents wish to take their child home from the pool, please ensure their teacher has been notified so they can be marked off the roll.

## WESTERN TRINITY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

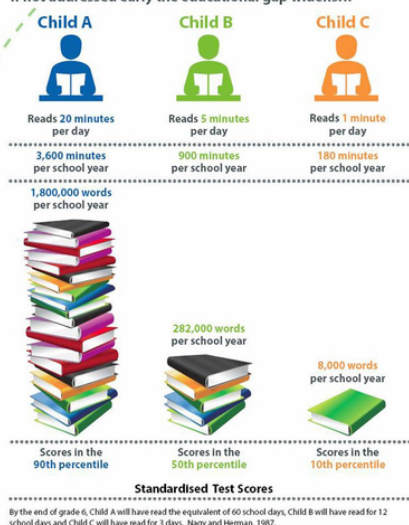
Tuesday the 14th we will travel by bus to Casterton for swimming. Students will wear their school uniform and a red, yellow or blue shirt according to their house colour. Families are welcome to make their way down to support the students, we would love to see you.

PAM Permissions have been released. Please log in to complete at your earliest convenience.



## READING

Regular reading impacts a child's success at school. If not addressed early the educational gap widens...



Now the new year has well and truly begun your child will be bringing home books to read and their record diary. We encourage you to engage in this and support your child to read for 20 minutes each night. Research has shown the effects of nightly reading greatly benefit children's language and success at school. St Malachy's thanks you for your commitment to this.



## MEDIA WARNING

Staff are hearing students have conversations about "Momo" and "Scary Peppa Pig" in the classroom and the playground. If you have heard your child discussing either of these, we encourage parents to investigate these YouTube videos and consider if it is suitable for your child.

Additionally, it is not uncommon for children's YouTube shows to be targeted and compromised. I encourage parents to closely monitor screen time.

## ENROL NOW

MJ Dance is looking for little dancers to ensure the longevity of dance school in Edenhope. Check them out on Facebook for further information



## PARENT ACCESS MODULE

Some parents may have noticed PAM has had a makeover. As part of the new system rollover, it will prompt you to update your child/rens medical information. This is a once off requirement. Don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any issues logging in or using PAM. We are happy to help you trouble shoot.



## PARENT RESOURCE

Motherland is an award winning podcast by mother of two, Stephanie Trethewey. Each week she dives deep into rural motherhood with frank and unfiltered conversations mums from across the country. You may even recognise some of the women interviewed!



## Sports Progressions - All Sports

- School Level**  
Western Trinity - All students Foundation to Grade 6
- District**  
Kowree - Years 3-6 from St Malachy's competing against Goroke, Balmoral, Edenhope, Apsely
- Division**  
Little Desert - Only qualifying (families notified by St Malachy's)
- Regionals**  
Greater Western - Students must qualify from division (Families notified by St Malachy's)
- State Level**  
Victorian represent - Students must qualify from regional level

## Term 1 Sports Information

**Swimming:** Little Desert Division will be holding their Swimming Carnival at the Horsham Swimming Pool on Thursday 2nd March 2023. Students can swim in 2 individual, 1 relay and 1 medley relay only. Competitors with the fastest four times progress to the Greater Western Regional Swimming Championships in Horsham on Tuesday 14th March. Qualification is based on times (which will be taken over a couple of days at St Malachy's). Qualifying times are listed below.

**Tennis:** The Little Desert tennis trials will take place on Thursday 9th March at the Horsham Lawn Tennis Club Courts. Starting time will be 9.30 am and estimated finishing time 12pm (depends on numbers). Students to find own transport to and from venue. Students need to be playing competition tennis and be in grade five or six. It is an individual competition, with only 3 boys and 3 girls from each school permitted. Students must be able to score their own matches. I will need student names to me by 19th March to allow for trials (if required), and entry.








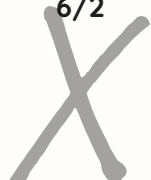





















**Vic State Trials:** Nominations for Vic state teams close the end of February. If you are a talented student in AFL, netball, basketball, cricket or soccer wishing to trial for one or more of these sports, please refer to the school sport Victoria website for more information and online entry.

<https://ssv-cms.eduweb.vic.gov.au/Pages/SSV-Home.aspx>

The school sport Victoria web site is also a very good resource to familiarise yourself with. It has division, region and state dates for all sports as well as rules and regulations. If you have any question regarding sports, please contact Sherryn.

	Butterfly 50m	Backstroke 50m	Breaststroke 50m	Freestyle 50m
9/10 yo boys	1.10	1.05	1.10	1.00
9/10 yo girls	1.10	1.05	1.10	1.00
11 yo boys	1.08	1.03	1.08	0.52
11 yo girls	1.08	1.03	1.08	0.52
12/13 yo boys	1.05	1.00	1.05	0.50
12/13 yo girls	1.05	1.00	1.05	0.50

## QUALIFYING TIMES FOR SWIMMING

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