

ST. MALACHY'S SCHOOL



TERM 1 WEEK 5

"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 Sealy Ex Officio Members: John O'Sullivan and Barb Ryan

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we are approaching week 6 already!

We have some new enrolments this week which have proved to be a sensational hit. Mrs. Robinson has introduced reading buddies (teddies) to the library for students to read to during library sessions. The room has been abuzz with the sound of little voices reading. This is a strategy which you can use at home to encourage nightly reading, particularly for children who are reluctant readers or still building their confidence.

Please be aware that Friday the 10th of March is a pupil free day so families can enjoy the extra long weekend. All Western Trinity Staff will be at school working with Education Officer Anne Ruddell on School Wide Positive Behaviour Support. Anne assists us to collate student data based on our school values. She then assists the school in planning future action to ensure our school is providing a safe and engaging learning space for all students.

If you are interested in being a part of Little Athletics this year, please come along to the information session next week (more info overleaf). As is often the case, there are a small group of volunteers working to get this program off the ground however, its ultimate future will be decided by how much interest we have on the night. If you are unable to make it please text an apology to the school.

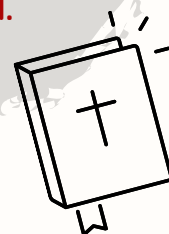
Lastly, I am pleased to report that John has returned home to Warnambool to commence his rehabilitation in the comfort of his home. So far, he is pleased with how he is progressing as are the specialists watching over him.

Gabi



PRAYER

**My heart shares
love. My hands help
others. My life brings
light to the world. I
am how God gets
around.**



MASS TIMES

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



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Principal: John O'Sullivan

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Student Leadership Committees have been running at full speed, with committees having chosen their Term 1 projects.

- House Committee:** Prepare & deliver the weekly assemblies.
- Social Justice Committee:** St Patrick's Day celebration (Week 7).
- Maintenance Committee:** Cows Create Careers Cow Pen Prep.
- Sustainability Committee:** Clean Up Australia Day Awareness
- School Assistant Committee:** Junior Reading Project.
- Alternative Play Thursdays.

Keep an eye out in upcoming newsletters for explanations of these projects and more!

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

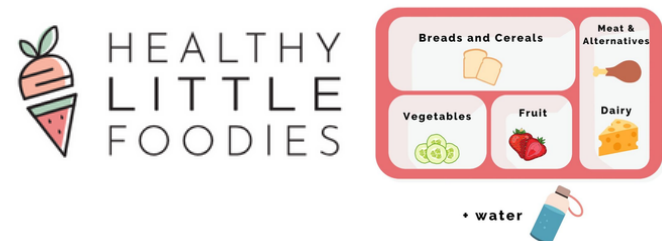


To celebrate Clean Up Australia Day coming up on Sunday, the Sustainability Committee has organised a **Nude Food Day** and activities for **Monday 6th March**. Students are encouraged to prepare their lunchboxes without any excess packaging (zip lock bags, muesli bar wrappers, etc.). See below for some great examples! The Sustainability Committee will be collecting rubbish throughout the day, including a whole-school rubbish hunt, so we can see how much rubbish ends up on our school grounds and consider how we might minimise it!



PARENT RESOURCE

Stuck on healthy lunch box ideas? Healthy Little Foodies is just one of many fantastic online resources that can help! You can find them at: www.healthylittlefoodies.com. **Lunchbox Builder**



Are you Cinderella?

Is this your size 5 boot?

If so, please be in touch. Found at the front of the school.



GASTRO REMINDER

We are aware there has been an outbreak of gastro in our wider community. We now have cases at school, please remember the quarantine time is 48 hours after last episode if your child comes down with it.



Student PROFILE OF THE WEEK

James Tischler

Favourite book: Bad Guys

Favourite food: Fish

Favourite subject: Health, because we get to learn about our bodies.

If I was Prime Minister:

Let anyone go to school.

My teacher always says: "we can all have a good day"

When I grow up: I want to be a farmer because it looks like fun. With sheep and crops and hay.

Mrs. Thomson says...

"You can always find James chatting all things farming with his peers and quietly going about his business with minimal fuss. He is a quiet achiever and always up for a laugh."



KOWREE SWIM

On Wednesday the Grade 5 students will travel to Goroke to participate in the Kowree Swimming Carnival. The weather is predicted to be quite cool so we encourage students to pack a warm jacket and tracksuit pants. Parents are most welcome to come and cheer them on. Good luck to all of the students competing! Remember if you are taking your child home on the day, please inform staff.

LITTLE DESERT SWIMMING

Good luck to Max, Grace, Taewyn, Felix and Rhianna who have qualified to swim at the next level in Horsham today. We have no doubt they will rise to the challenge and enjoy the experience!

3/4 Camp

3/4 camp is nearly upon us! Please make sure you have returned all forms and given permission on PAM for your child to attend. Students will be leaving by 7:30am from school and on return you will be notified of a firm estimated arrival for pick up. Should you have any questions please be in touch with Gorgia.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

A big thank you to parents who made time to attend parent teacher interviews. We hope they were a helpful insight into how we can work together to support your children in their learning. As always we are open to feedback. Please be in touch via the school phone or via the principal@smedenhope.catholic.edu.au email if you wish to provide feedback.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LITTLE ATHLETICS IN EDENHOPE?

INFORMATION SESSION

WHEN: TUESDAY 7TH 5:30PM

WHERE: ST. MALACHY'S SCHOOL

KIDS WELCOME.

- Weekly sessions
- Caters for 5-16yr olds.
- Working towards personal best achievement
- Track and field events
- Cross-country running
- Championship opportunities
- Skill clinics

LITTLE ATHLETICS

2023



THE FUTURE OF THIS PROGRAM IN OUR COMMUNITY IS DEPENDENT ON THE TURNOUT OF THIS SESSION



NAPLAN

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy

A little reminder to all families with children in Grades 3 & 5, NAPLAN is fast approaching. The 4 tests will take place across Weeks 7 & 8. You should have received an information letter some weeks ago. There is nothing you are required to do unless you have reason to exempt your child. If you are planning to exempt your child please be in touch with the school ASAP. There are multiple forms which need to be completed prior to the testing weeks beginning - refer to calendar.

Week 5 At-A-Glance










































LOST PROPERTY

We have had an increase in the number of lost uniform items over the past week. Please check that your child's uniform is clearly labelled and that they have not accidentally collected the wrong jumper/vest/jacket. Children also need to ensure they are wearing schools hats at play and as the weather cools down school jackets and jumpers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BARB



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 Mini Vinnies Stall Cancelled due to heat. 	
Week 5	27/2 	28/2 	1/3 	2/3 Little Desert Swimming 	3/3	5/6 Clean Up Australia Day
Week 6	6/3 *Nude Food Day *Clean Up Australia Day 	7/3 3/4 Camp - Dunkeld  Little Athletics Meeting!	8/3 *3/4 Camp - Dunkeld *Kowree Swimming 	9/3	10/3 School Closure Day 	
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	25/3 Park Run
Week 9	27/3 NAPLAN ends	28/3	29/3	30/3 The Alphabet of Awesome Science- F-6 excursion to Horsham	31/3 Mini 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 