

ST. MALACHY'S SCHOOL



TERM 2 WEEK 8

"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:

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

I hope you all managed to have a good rest over the long weekend, I will keep this weeks newsletter short and sweet as we have been very busy working through reports, planning days and review documents this week.

Earlier this week we conducted our first learning walk of the year. I encourage anyone who is curious about what learning looks like at our school or has a child who says they "didn't do anything" at school, to join our next one. The date will be released early term 3.

Congratulations to Mrs. Thomson and her husband Nick on the arrival of Ella Louise Thomson yesterday. Rosina and Ella are doing well. The staff and children will be looking forward to a visit after the holidays sometime and a cuddle!! Great news Rosina and Nick, the school community is thrilled for you!

At the end of week three next term, Gabi is taking some leave for time away with her husband Ben. Gloria Freeman will take over the ½ class full time for the remainder of term three with ongoing support from Helen Munn and Jo Campbell in their LSO roles in the class.

Next week we will attach the term 3 calendar as well as some important term 4 dates, please keep your eyes peeled for these.

A reminder that Term 2 finishes at 2:20 pm on Friday 23rd.
At this stage, the Year 5 class will return to school approximately 7pm on Friday 23rd after their camp to Melbourne.

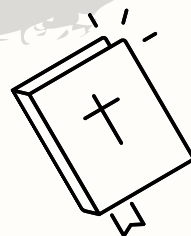
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PRAYER

As the staff and students in our four small schools head off on Wednesday to Melbourne on the 5% camp; we pray Slim Dusty's "In the Palm of his Hands" prayer that we all travel safely together.
Amen.

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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HORSHAM
REGIONAL ART GALLERY

School Holiday WORKSHOPS

27 JUNE - 06 JULY 2023
10.30AM-12 NOON

Ages 7+

WEEK ONE

Tuesday June 27
Drawing Time with Mars

Wednesday June 28
Drawing Time with Mars

Thursday June 29
Creating Animals: Wool Felting with Rachel

WEEK TWO

Tuesday July 4
Harmonic Pendulum Motion Painting with Belinda

Wednesday July 5
Creative Kite Making with Belinda

Thursday July 6
Painting: Native Flowers with Rachel

\$12 ea per sesh

Bookings essential for all sessions
www.horshamtownhall.com.au
or 5382 9555

Child Safety

A reminder to all students at St Malachy's. Please make sure you always have your seat belts on whilst travelling on the school bus and in your family car.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will commence in week 1 next term. The students will celebrate the sacrament on Friday 11th August at St Malachy's Church commencing at 10am.

Before and After School Care

A reminder for families that there is care available through OSHC at Edenhope College. This service is seeking more students to join to ensure its longevity in our community and is available before and after school. Students who attend in the morning are provided a cooked breakfast before walking up to our school after 8:30.

email: edenhopecollege@bigchildcare.com or contact Edenhope College for more information.

Working Bee/Bonfire BBQ

On Friday 14th July 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 the students and staff and any parents free can join us from 3pm onwards. We conclude at 6pm with a BBQ and Bonfire at the back of the school to follow.

Our school budget cannot fund a gardener's wage this year, hence the need for a tidy up to maintain our school so it always looks good and is safe for the students.

On the day I will allocate the jobs as people arrive. The school does have some battery operated garden tools etc, but I encourage you to BYO garden equipment for your use. The school will supply the bbq, meat, salads and drinks for tea. We look forward to a fun few hours working together with each other.

Parent Resource

The Raising Children Network has lots of resources for families to use to help scaffold conversations with children around loss and grief. As many families have ewes lambing on the farm at the moment, coming across death is inevitable. This is an opportunity to have these conversations in a setting which is generally easier to discuss in some cases may prepare children for encountering grief later in life.

Some advice the Raising Children Network recommends is: Using the word 'death' can avoid problems. If you say that someone has 'passed away' or 'gone to sleep', your child might be confused or frightened. For example, a child who is told that 'Grandpa has gone to sleep forever' might get scared of sleeping because they're afraid they'll never wake up.

Younger children might not know what death means, so you might need to describe it and make sure they understand that death doesn't go away. For example, 'Dying means that Auntie Sal's body has stopped working. She can't breathe or move, or cuddle you anymore'.

If you feel very uncomfortable talking about death, you might need to practise with another adult first. You could go through what you'll say and how you'll answer your child's questions. Or you might like to write down a few notes as reminders. It can also help to think about what you'll say if you don't know the answer to your child's questions. It's OK to say something like, 'I don't know but I'll try to find out'.

Picture books are also really useful, such as 'Lifetimes'.

