



"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.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL:

President: Chris White Vice-President: Elise Coxon Parent Rep: Leanne Dillon
Maintenance Representative: Mark McClure School Uniform Representative: Beck Merrett
Staff Representative: Gorgia Sealey Ex Officio Members: John O'Sullivan and Barb Ryan

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

This Sunday, the Advent season begins on 3rd December. Between then and Christmas Eve, many families spend time preparing the house for Christmas day while also racing to finish the Christmas shopping. The meaning of the word Advent comes from the Latin Ad (to) and Venire (come) and translates as arrival. In this sense, Advent is the period of time when Christians wait for the arrival of Jesus who, according to tradition and custom, was born on Christmas day. Advent is a special family time where people wait together and share in the excitement and anticipation of the arrival of Christmas Day.

The arrival of the students' bikes on Sunday has brought about great excitement for all the students and staff this week. The benefit of "Bike Education" is that everyone gets involved and the spin off is that the students learn about bike and road safety and how to maintain their bike in a safe manner along with learning new skills along the way.

This Sunday, St Malachy's Church is hosting the 2023 Eucumenical Christmas Carols evening from 6-7 p.m. at the church. Families are most welcome to attend. This year, we don't have a full school choir involved but if numbers are healthy, we could sing a song or two.

John

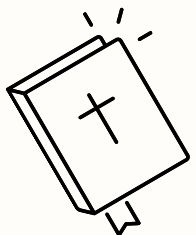
PRAYER



"All that man has learned from history is that he has learned nothing"
We pray that the fighting in the Middle East stops. Amen.

MASS TIMES

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



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Library books return

It's come to that time of the year where all the library books that have been borrowed throughout the year, need to be returned so we can do our annual stocktake and we will also be getting ready to do the big move and swap with the 5/6 classroom.

The books were due back on Wednesday, 29th November and if they were returned, 100 points are being awarded to the houses. If the books are back by Friday, 1st December, 90 house points will be awarded to the houses.

If your child has any books outstanding, there'll be a note attached to this newsletter with all the details.

Swimming

Our Swimming program commences on Monday for the last 2 weeks of school, for all year levels. Please pack swimming gear/bathers, towel, goggles and a plastic bag for wet gear. You will have received a Pool Membership which needs to be completed and returned to school or directly to the pool office for your child to take part in our swimming program. Each child will also need to wear a rash vest or T-shirt when swimming in accordance with our SunSmart policy.



2024 Intervention Program

Next year, the school's intervention program will involve one on one, group work and working with the child/children in their classrooms. If you would like to have a chat with Cara about the Intervention Program, please feel free to make contact with her in the next few weeks.

Mini Vinnies Hay Bale Art

The bales are starting to pop up with our Hay Bale Art Trail. We are looking forward to some more popping up over this next week - entries close Wednesday, 6th December.



Tell your friends, tell your family, tell your neighbours!

St Malachy's School Hay Bale Art Trail

Our Mini Vinnies team have a goal to spread joy through our community this festive season.

To help us with our mission, we invite you to build a Christmas art display made of hay bales.

Please send a photo through to our St. Malachy's Facebook page to enter. Entries close Wednesday, December the 6th. There is no entry too big or small!



Outstanding 2023 School Fees

Reminder that any outstanding 2023 School Fees are required to be paid before the end of the school year. If you're experiencing any financial difficulties with settling your account, please contact either Barb or John to make alternative arrangements.

Child Safety

With Bike Education starting this week and continuing next week, our focus has been on road rules and wearing properly fitting helmets.

