



"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.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Our year is quickly coming to an end and what a year it has been. On Wednesday the 13th at 5pm we invite all families to attend our end of year prayer service to celebrate our accomplishments and bid farewell to departing families. Students will wear their school uniform and sit with their class. The liturgy will be followed by a BBQ at school. Please see overleaf for more information.

On Wednesday our classroom teachers met with colleagues from the Western Trinity to plan for their classes in 2024. With next year in mind we have attached the calendar for Term 1 for your convenience.

We have been fortunate with the weather for our swimming and bike education programs. The students have enjoyed the pool and bike activities.

Finally, I have been amazed at how clever and dedicated our families have been with regard to the Hay Bale Art Trail. It is truly magical to hear the buzz around town. As a school we thank all of our families for their time and effort which has gone into them. I hope the time spent building them as a family was full of fun and Christmas cheer!

John

PRAYER

Dear Lord of Peace,
We ask that you help us to prepare our hearts for Your coming this Christmas.

During this Advent season, may we pray more, look for ways to help others, and show kindness in Your name.

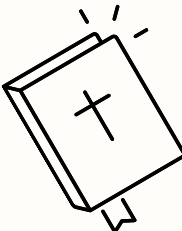
We pray that everyone can experience Your peace all around the world.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

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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Summer and Headlice

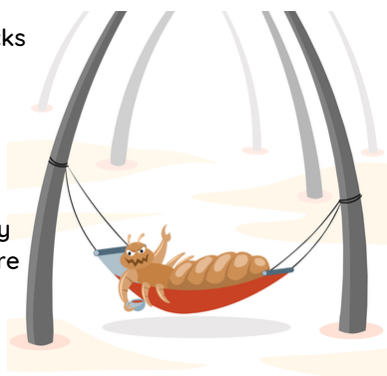
Summer is here, and we can't wait to get outside and enjoy the weather. Most assume head lice only spike during the school season, but the truth is head lice enjoy all times of year. Holidays, sports and weather make the summer a perfect time for head lice to thrive. We've put together a few summer head lice prevention tips to help you and your family stay lice free this summer.

Keep your hair up:

Keeping hair up and out of the way is one of the best methods for head lice prevention. The most common way head lice spread from host to host is by direct contact. Keeping hair out of the way and preventing direct head-to-head contact is the best way to prevent lice. Be aware of how close your head is to others and keep hair out of the way. Those with long hair can style their hair in buns, braids, and other tight up-dos. Short hair can be covered with a hat to keep lice away.

Head checks and combing:

Getting regular head lice checks can help you stay ahead of a large head lice infestation. During large outbreaks in your area, it is best to check for head lice often. This can help you detect head lice early and catch an infestation before it spreads to the rest of your family. Performing frequent comb outs to check for lice can help your stop and prevent the further spread of lice.



2024 School Uniform Price List

Item Sizes: 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	Price
Short Sleeve Polo	\$31.00
Long Sleeve Polo	\$34.00
Rugby Jumper	\$66.00
Polar Fleece Vest	\$36.00
Hats	\$10.00
Bags	\$48.00
Jacket (limited supply of sizes)	\$69.00



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!

Child Safety: Drowning Prevention

To help keep children safe in and around water, there are four important steps you can follow - to ensure maximum safety, it's important that all of these steps are used together.

- Supervise**
Active adult supervision of children is essential to reduce the risk of drowning. When there are a lot of adults around, designate adult supervisors whose role it is to actively supervise the kids in and around water.
- Restrict access**
Restricting children's access to water can include placing a barrier around the body of water.
- Water Awareness**
Water awareness and learn to swim classes can assist in helping children to become familiar with water, teaching them about water safety and learning how to swim.
- CPR/First Aid Knowledge**
Having the skills to respond in an emergency situation can mean the difference between life and death. Kidsafe Victoria encourages all parents and carers to enrol in a CPR/first aid course and to update their skills regularly.



Items direct from Beleza website	Price
Summer Dress	\$42.00
Tunic	\$42.00
Jacket	\$69.00
Shorts	\$22.00
Skorts	\$25.00
Bags	\$48.00

Term 1, 2024

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
One	29/1 Staff First Day	30/1 Swimming Students First Day	31/1 Swimming	1/2 Swimming	2/2 Swimming	3/4
Two	5/2 Swimming	6/2 Swimming School Photos	7/2 Swimming	8/2 Swimming	9/2 Swimming	10/11
Three	12/2	13/2 SHROVE TUESDAY	14/2 ASH WEDNESDAY	15/2	16/2	17/18 1st Sunday of Lent
Four	19/2	20/2 PUPIL FREE DAY	21/2	22/2	23/2	24/25 2nd Sunday of Lent
Five	26/2	27/2	28/2 Little Desert Swimming @ Horsham	29/2	1/3 CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY	2/3 3rd Sunday of Lent
Six	4/3	5/3	6/3	7/3 3/4 Camp Little Desert Tennis	8/3 3/4 Camp	9/10 4th Sunday of Lent
Seven	11/3 LABOUR DAY	12/3	13/3	14/3	15/3 ANTI BULLYING DAY	16/17 5th Sunday of Lent ST PATRICK'S DAY
Eight	18/3	19/3	20/3	21/3 HARMONY DAY	22/3	23/24 PALM SUNDAY
Nine	25/3	26/3	27/3	28/3	29/3 GOOD FRIDAY	30/31 EASTER SUNDAY

Please Note: This calendar has been updated in advance and may change closer to date.

