



"Pursuing fullness of life for all by inspiring faith, lifelong learning and community engagement."



## Year 6 Graduating Class 2023



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,

The years just seem to be going by much more quickly than they used to but we have come to the end of another school year and what a year it has been. As I sit and reflect, I am amazed at what we have been able to achieve as a school community this year.

On Wednesday evening, we came together as a school community to celebrate our 2023 school year at St. Malachy's Church. The prayer service was an opportunity to thank and farewell families, congratulate our graduating Year 6s and farewell specialist teacher Rachel Farran. Rachel has been an integral part of our St. Malachy's School community as a teacher and as a parent for over 16 years. Rachel has held the positions of Literacy Leader, Classroom Teacher and Specialist Teacher in her time at St Malachy's. We wish Rachel all the best in her new teaching role at Edenhope College next year.

Thank you to our families for all of your support and understanding during the year and thank you for entrusting your child's education to us and also for partnering with us on this journey. Thank you to our amazing staff for the commitment and dedication that you have shown to ensuring that our students have the best opportunities to grow. The care and compassion that you show towards our students and their families is second to none.

As we enter the Christmas season, I would like to wish all families a happy and safe holiday break and hope that the spirit and joy of Christmas is shared in your homes and with your loved ones.

Christmas blessings,  
-John

## Prayer



Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving.

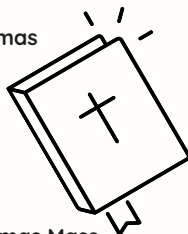
## Mass Times

### Edenhope

17th December - 11 a.m. Mass  
25th December - 9 a.m. Christmas Mass  
31st December - 5 p.m. Mass  
7th January - 9 a.m. Mass  
14th January - 9 a.m. Mass

### Harrow

25th December - 11 a.m. Christmas Mass  
14th January - 11 a.m. Mass



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Principal: John O'Sullivan

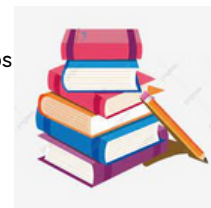
## Child Safety

It's almost Christmas! It has certainly come around quickly this year. No doubt, your children will be busy making their Christmas lists for Santa and there could be a bit of technology on those lists! Not just the ones we immediately think of either; e.g: gaming, tablets, phones, but also things like drones, robotic toys and more. This link <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/resources/gift-guide> from <https://www.esafety.gov.au/> will give you more information on the different tech that may be on those lists and provides great information about them. It's a great site to forward on to the North Pole too!

## Edenhope Library Snippets

### MEM FOX'S TEN READ-ALOUD COMMANDMENTS

Over the next few weeks, we'll be sharing these 10 tips from Mem Fox at [memfox.com](http://memfox.com). We hope that you'll feel inspired to give them a try!



Last week's tip was to read aloud with animation.

Read with joy and enjoyment: real enjoyment for yourself and great joy for the listeners

## Thank you from Miss Farran

I just wanted to say a big thank you to the students, parents and staff at St. Malachy's for the many wonderful years I have had teaching at the school. I feel like I only started yesterday. I have been there long enough now for one of my own children to have graduated, and to have made the wedding flowers for one of my original Grade 1s this year. The biggest highlight of teaching at St. Malachy's school is not just watching the students grow during their time here, but also to be able to see them thrive in life beyond the school. The friendships I have seen families form during their time here last forever. It is a special school and I will be sad to say goodbye to the most amazing, creative and clever bunch of kids I have known. I really appreciate all the well wishes people have passed on, you have floored me. Thank you so so much for everything.

- Miss Farran

## 2023 Graduation Mass

### Spirit of St. Malachy's Award: Sarah Holland

This award is presented to a student from Foundation to Year 6 who demonstrates that he or she is always respectful, responsible and is a fine ambassador for their school.



### Apsley Church Award: Brianna Hateley

This award recognises someone who has walked in the footsteps of Jesus. This person displays a dedication to their school community and has exceptional leadership.



### St. Vincent de Paul Award: Matthew Stringer

This award is being an active Mini Vinnie in 2023. Thank you for enthusiasm, hard work and dedication.



### Norman Award: Grace McDonnell and Max White

This award goes to a student who has displayed dedication to their study, demonstration of leadership, contribution to school activities and is recognised for their kind and caring attitude for other students.



Above:

Year 6 Graduating Class of 2023

### Left: Irish Blessing

Farewell to the Frost family relocating to Murtoa, the Nelson family relocating to Hamilton, Year 6's and we also farewell the Brennan and McDonnell families who leave our St. Malachy's School and Community.









# 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 Western Trinity swimming @ Casterton	15/2	16/2	17/18 1st Sunday of Lent
Four	19/2	20/2  PUPIL FREE DAY	21/2  Parent-Teacher Interviews	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 @ Wannon Inn Little Desert Tennis	8/3 3/4 Camp @ Wannon Inn	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 End of Term 1 - early finish @ 2.20 p.m.	29/3  GOOD FRIDAY	30/31 EASTER SUNDAY

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