



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



2024 Foundation class

First day of school and let's go swimming!

The Foundation class had a magical first day @ school getting to know their teacher Mrs. Chadwick and the Year 1 students in their class, other students, teachers and staff.

Foundation students have a rest day on Wednesdays during first term.

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,

Welcome back to 2024 everyone.

On Tuesday, we had lots of happy students and parents with the 2024 school year beginning. Kids seem to grow quickly over the holidays and the staff are looking forward to teaching your children in their new classrooms. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss your child's progress, please do contact the school. There's no such thing as a dumb question.

We welcomed our 8 new Foundation students - Audrey, Louie, Matilda, Oliver, Wilbur, Sadie, Ayanna and Joey and parents. We also welcome our new families to our St. Malachy's community - Sarah Ferguson and Peter Buchanan, Toni and Gerard Nolan and Mollie Stewart and Ryan Rowe.

The weather has been kind to us for the commencement of the swimming lessons and a number of the students have made great progress over the summer with lessons and time spent in the water.

The newsletter will be sent home weekly with a snap shot of the week that's been and what's happening in the week ahead. You'll be able to put it up somewhere and know what's the latest. The newsletter will also be emailed out, uploaded onto the website and the website calendar will also be updated each week.

Any queries, give the school a call, send a text through to the mobile or send through an email.

-John

P.S. Please read overleaf re the school float for Henley and the gate roster.

Student's prayer for a new school year

Lord Jesus,

I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year.

Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.

Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!

-Amen

Church mass times

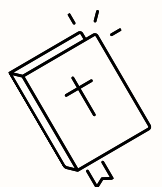
February

Sunday 4th: 9 a.m.

Sunday 11th: 9 a.m.

Sunday 18th: 11 a.m.

Sunday 25th: Lay led



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Child safety

School crossing:

A reminder to all students to use the school crossing correctly each morning and afternoon. In the afternoon, the duty teacher will escort students across the road.

If you are picking up your child/ren and your car is parked opposite the school, the school crossing must be used. Please do not meet your child at the front gate and cross the road without using the crossing.

If your child is riding a bike, they will need to walk their bikes to the crossing to cross the road. Please ensure your child's helmets are fitted and being worn correctly.

End of the day travel plans

If you have any changes to your child/ren's travel plans, please notify the school before 2.30 p.m.

This gives us time to update the lists and make the end of the school day less chaotic and we know which way your child/ren is heading.

If your child requires a bus pass, please give Edenhope College a call on 5585 1277 to organise, send a message to the school and we will organise pick up from this end.

If you are running late to pick up your child from school, please send a message to the school and we can look after your child until you safely arrive.

Meals on wheels volunteers

St. Malachy's farewelled the McDonnell family in 2023 and Sara has always taken care of the St. Malachy's roster of Meals on Wheels. Sara, Sherryn and Barb have been delivering the meals to residents and this year, we're calling for more volunteers that may like to be added to the roster. If you're interested in joining the school roster, please contact Barb and she can send you the link for volunteering checks.

2024 Henley parade

On Saturday, 10th February, Henley will be happening and staff have had their thinking caps on.

This year's theme is Old and New and our plan is to showcase the school on 2 large trailers - one featuring St. Malachy's School from the past and the other one, school life today.

Would any parents have a suitable truck and/or trailer, etc. that we could use to have the children travel onboard safely? Please contact the school, we'd love to hear from you.

2024 Henley roster

St. Malachy's parents and the school community are also once again, doing the gate roster for Henley. This entails 2 people (or 2 families) doing a 1 to 2 hour shift depending how many volunteers we can get for the roster; many hands make light work.

We hope we can get lots of helpers; someone from the School Advisory Council will be in touch with families so we can fill up the roster.

To help us start organising the roster, please send a message to the school if you're able to help.

2024 School photos

Next Tuesday 6th, the school photos will be taken.

Envelopes were sent home with your child/ren Tuesday so they need returning to the school, with or without payment, before Tuesday.

If you're wanting a family photo taken, there are family envelopes here too so send a message to the school and a family envelope will be sent home.

Your child's photo will still be taken even if you don't want to order any photos.

Next week's happenings

Monday 5th: Swimming program continues
Tuesday 6th: School photos & swimming
Wednesday 7th: Swimming
Thursday 8th: Swimming
Friday 9th: Swimming
Saturday 10th: Henley

Upcoming dates

Monday 12th:
Tuesday 13th: Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 14th: Ash Wednesday & Western Trinity Swimming @ Casterton
Thursday 15th: Fire drill
Friday 16th:

KABA REGISTER NOW

FOR TERM 1 6 WEEK JUNIOR COMP

12th February - 11th March
+ 1 week of Finals

*Please register your Child/ Children ASAP.
We are hoping to have you all signed up before
next week when Committee will sit down and
select teams/Age groups.
(Will be very similar to last seasons)*



Register on PlayHQ

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/c16dd42fbclid=IwAR0RXVomEJ3sY0Flvhqj2z5uSXqR4crobDtcW6yR31B7LIm-Pq5pGqldN9Lg>