

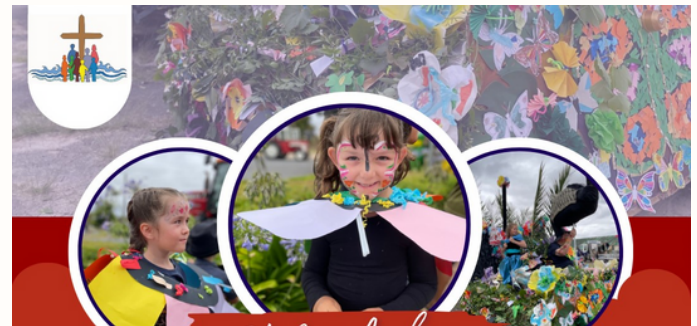


"Pursuing fullness of life for all by inspiring faith, lifelong learning and community engagement."



Henley Gate Roster

Time	Gate 1	Gate 2
2:00-3:30 pm	West Nolan	Rich Flores/Irving
3:30-5:00 pm	Holland Rowe	Williams <u>VACANCY TO BE FILLED</u>
5:00-6:30 pm	Taylor Astbury	S.Ferguson Wilson
6:30-7:30 pm	Coxon Jinga	Tischler Lee



St. Malachy's Float

Our theme for our float this year is
Where is the Green Sheep?

Students will gather at the 'Big Fish' at 1:30pm. Children can dress as any sheep they wish except for the Green Sheep. We will be making sheep costumes at school to share with students who would like some help getting prepared. Parents will collect their child at the round-a-bout as we conclude the parade.

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 families and students,

Congratulations on a fantastic start to the school year.

The good weather has helped us with our swimming program which finishes today. All the staff could see a huge increase in the children's confidence and stroke technique this Summer.

Specialist classes commenced yesterday with Gorgia teaching Art, Cara teaching Music/Information Technology and Anne-Maree teaching Library and Indonesian. Classroom teachers are teaching their own Physical Education and Science.

The energy and enthusiasm from students, teachers, and parents has set an inspiring tone for Term 1. Our students' eagerness to learn and the dedication of our staff are truly commendable. Thank you parents, for your continued support as we have returned to school.

As we dive into the remainder of Term 1, let's carry forward this positive momentum. Together, let's make this school year one of growth and success. Here's to a year filled with achievements and memorable moments!

-John

School prayer

Dear Lord,

As our students begin a new school year,
I pray that you will keep them in your care.
Send your Spirit to open their minds
to all that is true and beautiful and good.
Help them to see the gifts and talents
you have given them and to use them well.
Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.
Help them to be kind to others
and lead others to be kind to them.

Give their teachers patience and
understanding and help them teach what is
just and true.

Send your angels to guide and guard our
children and to keep them from all harm.
Open their young hearts to your presence
and enfold them in your peace and protection.
Hold them in the palm of your hand
and bring them home safely at day's end.

-Amen.

Church mass times

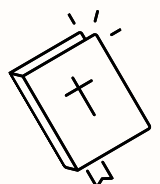
February

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

A reminder to the students about crossing at the school crossing correctly. Stop, look both ways, check again before you walk. Unfortunately, some drivers don't always slow down or stop!! (Not our parents!!)

Opening School Mass

Our Opening School Mass is going to be held on Sunday, **18th February at 11 a.m.** Our five Year 6 leaders will be presented with their badges.

Last year, we had a great number of families which were able to attend and I'm hoping this year is the same.

Shrove Tuesday

Next Tuesday, we celebrate Shrove Tuesday in the Catholic Church. The tradition behind Shrove Tuesday is that in history, early Christians would prepare their homes for a month of fasting from tempting treats. Many ingredients in their cupboards were used up. Pancakes, biscuits, cakes and other delicious homemade treats were eaten before the Lenten Season and a time of fasting started the next day on Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the preparation for Easter. It is a holy day of prayer and fasting in many Western Christian denominations. It is preceded by Shrove Tuesday and marks the first day of Lent, the six weeks of penitence before Easter. The students will take part in an Ash Wednesday prayer service with Fr. George at 2.15 p.m. at school on Shrove Tuesday this year, due to the Casterton Swimming Sports happening on the Wednesday.

Rapid Antigen Tests - Covid-19

Covid-19 cases are still filtering through the community. We do have a supply of Rapid Antigen Tests here @ school so if you'd like some sent home, please send a message through. With coughs, colds and bugs still doing the rounds, please keep your child at home if they are unwell; they struggle @ school when they are unwell. This will help minimise the spread and keep us all safe and healthy.

Term 1 Sports

Swimming: Students have been participating in swimming lessons at school to consolidate their strokes. We have been delighted with how much they have improved over the holidays!

Western Trinity Carnival: to be held in Casterton on Wednesday, 14th February. Students will travel by bus and will need their lunch and snacks packed. Years 1 & 2 (Foundations have the day off) will participate in water games and finish with some across the pool races. Years 3-6 have the opportunity to swim in 50m, 25m or 15m events - freestyle/backstroke and breaststroke and butterfly. Students are encouraged to participate in as many events as they can, earning points for the House team. Age Group Champion is available to students swimming in the 50m or 30m events only. Parents are welcome to come and support - we have been working on some great House chants!

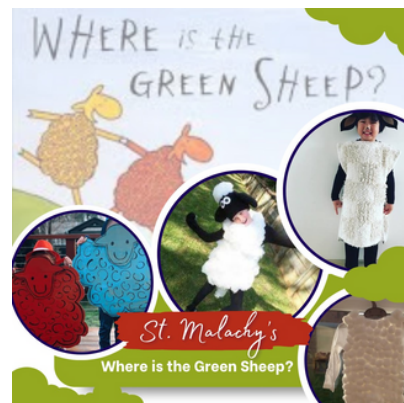
Kowree Swim Carnival: to be held in Goroke, date to be confirmed. Years 3-6 students will travel by bus to Goroke and can compete in 50m, 25m and relay events in Freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and side stroke. There are limited places in each event for each age group, so we aim to send every student to their preferred event where possible. Parents are welcome to attend and support (we may also require some assistance with timekeeping on the day).

Little Desert District Swim Carnival: to be held on Wednesday, 28th February at Horsham Aquatic Centre. Only students who have qualifying 50m times will be eligible for this event. These students will be notified directly and parents are responsible for travel arrangements.

Little Desert District Tennis: to be held in Horsham on 7th March. Available to students in Years 5 & 6 who regularly play competition tennis. Students will be asked to express their interest and parents will then be contacted to give permission. Parents are responsible for travel arrangements.

Please keep an eye out for permission forms on SIMON/PAM. If you have any questions, please contact Sherryn.

Henley Parade



Students on the St Malachy's float are to meet at the big blue fish at Lions Park at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday where we will gather and some students will walk and others will go on the float. Thank you to the parents that offered their trailers. We are all sorted now.

Mum's cuppa - Monday, 12th February

Time to get those mugs out for 2024 and start boiling the kettle again for our fortnightly cuppa.

For our new mums joining us in 2024, all the Super Mums have a fortnightly cuppa at the school where we catch up for about an hour and have a laugh, debrief, share stories, organise play dates, network, etc.

The 8.30 a.m. timeslot seems to work well in the mornings with drop offs, shopping, kinder runs, picking up farm supplies, etc. so we will start next Monday, 12th February. Open to suggestions of other times and days if you have any preferences to what will work with others.



Little's are welcome and hope you can join us next Monday.

Western Trinity Swimming @ Casterton

The Year 1-6 students will be travelling by bus to Casterton next Wednesday, leaving school at 8.50 a.m. The students will require morning tea, lunch, a snack for the bus on the way home, hat, bathers and swimming top. Further details will be sent home early next week.

Next week's happenings

Monday 12th: Mum's cuppa
Tuesday 13th: Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 14th: Ash Wednesday & Western Trinity Swimming @ Casterton
Sunday 18th: Opening School Mass @ 11 a.m.

Upcoming dates

Monday 19th:
Tuesday 20th: **PUPIL FREE DAY** (staff professional development day)
Wednesday 21st: Parent-Teacher Interviews
Thursday 22nd:
Friday 23rd: