



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



Don't forget Mum's cuppa on Monday, 26th @ 8.30 a.m.



Opening School Mass

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,

We shared a wonderful celebration with our families and Parish community last Sunday morning at the 11 a.m. Mass. Fr George reminded us about the season of Lent in the lead up to Easter. Thank you to all that were able to attend and those who stayed on to share a light lunch; it was great to meet up over a cuppa. It was a joyful start to the school year and our students were so respectful of the occasion and were beautifully behaved; we were so very proud of them. Congratulations to our Year 6 Leaders who were presented with their leadership badges during Mass. We know you will all do well in your roles with the support of your peers and staff.

On Tuesday, staff travelled to a Structured Literacy P.D. in Casterton. It was a full on session and we gained lots of valuable information which we look forward to implementing at the school.

Parent teacher conferences were held on Wednesday. This is a good opportunity early in the term to touch base with your child's teacher to see how the children have settled in. If Wednesday didn't suit you, please make another time that works for you.

Have a wonderful weekend.

-John

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

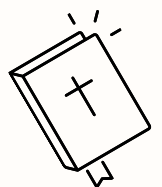
- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.



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

All parents, visitors and contractors are asked to sign the Visitors Register at the front office as a further level of child safety at St. Malachy's.



Sports report

The Kowree Swimming Sports (Years 3-6) held at Goroke, will be run on Tuesday, March 5th. Students will travel by bus to Goroke and return to school in time for the home bus run.

I have tried to get every child into at least 2 races - individual events or relays, keeping in mind the minimum distance is 25m and there is only one guaranteed spot per event for each age group.

I will send home each child's entered races once these have been confirmed with the organising school.

Parent helpers on the day would be much appreciated, as we do have some appointed timekeeping and marshalling duties.

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified (based on time trials) for the Little Desert Division swimming next week - Wednesday, 28th February in Horsham:

Felix White - Freestyle & Backstroke

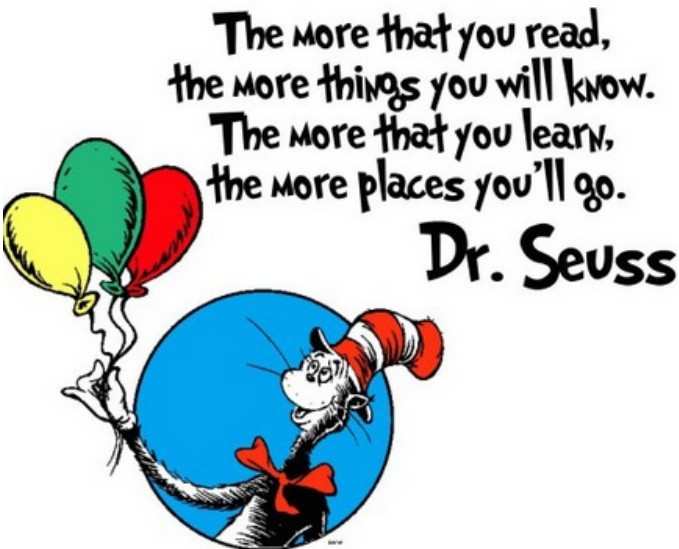
Airlie Doelle - Freestyle

Maddie Merrett - Freestyle & Breaststroke

Lizzie Merrett - Freestyle

Rhianna McClure - Freestyle & Breaststroke

We hope you have a great swim - Good Luck!!



Project Compassion



Each year, Project Compassion accompanies our journey through Lent and supports Caritas Australia to continue their charitable work in Australia and internationally for all future generations.

Project Compassion boxes can be seen around the school enabling individuals and classes to contribute donations to the work of Caritas.

Of equal importance is the opportunity to deepen our understanding of the injustices in the world that give rise to poverty, hunger, and lack of opportunity. Project Compassion gives us a practical way to be the difference we wish to see in the world.

The theme of Project Compassion 2024 is 'For All Future Generations' and reminds us that the good we do today extends to impact the lives of generations to come.

By donating to Project Compassion, Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, can work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

2024 School lunch menu - Kings Katering

Orders to be placed with Alex on a Thursday.

Payment via direct debit or cash to school.

Bank details Kings Katering 633000 147929293

Contact Number: Alex 0400 884 812

Grazing salad \$5 - cherry tomato, boiled egg, carrot sticks, lettuce, cucumber, cheese, meat (chicken/ham)

Salad wrap \$5 with ham or chicken

Soups \$4 Chicken and veg or Pumpkin

Chicken Casserole \$5 with rice/penne pasta

Spag Bol \$5 (meat or vegetarian)

Fruit Salad \$4 Bliss Ball \$3

Homemade pizza \$5 with Ham and cheese or Vegetarian

Homemade sausage roll \$5



Mum's cuppa - Monday, 26th February @ 8.30 a.m.



Next week's happenings

Monday 26th February: Mum's cuppa @ 8.30 a.m.

Tuesday 27th:

Wednesday 28th: Little Desert Swimming @ Horsham

Thursday 29th:

Friday 1st March: Clean Up Australia Day & World Day of Prayer

Upcoming dates

Monday 4th March:

Tuesday 5th: Kowree Swim Meet Year 3-6 @ Goroke

Wednesday 6th:

Thursday 7th/Friday 8th: Year 3/4 Camp @ Wannon Inn

Thursday 7th: Little Desert Tennis @ Horsham