



"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.

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL:

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## Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

We have had Teresa Hadden working in our school today. Teresa is the Numeracy Consultant for Catholic Education. She is here working with teachers and students to give a variety of ideas on how to problem solve.

I'm hoping for a good gathering of students for Edenhope's 10.30 a.m. service on ANZAC day this Thursday. Could you please send a text to the mobile if your child/ren is attending and if they are, could they please wear their school uniform. We also have flowers for Apsley, Harrow and Goroke so let us know if you are planning to attend either of those services and we can send the flowers home for your child to present.

Next week, we celebrate Catholic Education Week and we have a variety of activities scheduled for the week. On Monday, 29th April, we will take a group of students to Lakeside Living to celebrate Catholic Education Week. On Tuesday, 30th April, the Year 5/6 class will travel to Casterton to celebrate mass together with 5 other schools from Portland, Penhurst, Hamilton, Coleraine and Casterton. Kazoom Sports company is booked to work with the students as part of the celebrations.

On Thursday, 2nd May, we have our first official Sneak a Peek tour for any current and prospective families to have a look through the school, followed by morning tea and a chance to talk to staff. If the day and time doesn't suit, our doors are open anytime to have a peek.

Regards,

-John

## Prayer

Lord God,  
who desires peace for all people, on this day we pause to prayerfully, respectfully and thankfully remember the contribution made by men and women during wars and conflicts and while training for battle.

We think of the many people killed in action, those who were wounded, and those who suffered in body, mind and spirit, long after they returned home.

We remember relatives and members of each community who made a sacrifice of their lives that we might live in peace and freedom.

Help us to show our appreciation for their sacrifice in the way that we live.

We pray that the qualities of courage, mateship, self-discipline, resourcefulness, loyalty, and good humour that was demonstrated by the ANZACs will continue to be an example and inspiration for us.

We also remember the mates and family members who carried the burdens of loss and grief and carried on the work of raising families, producing food and building this nation.

May this solemn moment remind us of the privilege of life, and of the debt of gratitude for those who died in battle.

Lord, teach us to develop new ways of resolving conflict in our homes, schools, communities and between nations.

We pray for those who engage in the slow and patient work of diplomacy.

We pray that you would bless all who live in Australia, those whose ancestors were custodians of this land, those born here and those who chose to make it their home.

May grace, mercy and peace be with us today and always, through Jesus, Prince of peace.

-Amen



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# Child safety

Dolly's Dream Do it for Dolly Day 24 is coming up on Friday, 10th May and Dolly's Dream website has some great resources for parents to have a look at.

Below is a snippet from their website "What is bullying"?

## What is bullying?

Bullying is behaviour which causes harm and is done deliberately and repeatedly - more than once. It is characterised by inequality and an abuse of power.

Bullying can be:

- physical - such as hitting, shoving, tripping or kicking.
- verbal - such as insults, threats, or nasty teasing.
- social - such as spreading ugly rumours or telling people not to be friends with someone.
- cyber - such as spreading nasty gossip about someone online or posting embarrassing pics without their permission.

Bullying affects many children and young people.

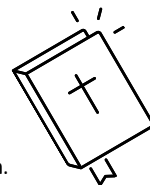
- Around one in five young Australians aged 15-19 say they were bullied in the past year.
- Almost half of young Australians ages 15-19 say they witnessed someone else being bullied in the past year.
- Australian children are at higher risk than the global average of being involved in cyber bullying.
- Half of young Australians aged 12-25 have been the targets of hurtful behaviour online at some point, such as nasty comments, rumours, threats or impersonation.

Cyber bullying attracts particular concern because it can go on 24/7 and can involve large numbers of people - some of them anonymous. School communities are still central to most students' experience of bullying.

- School is the most common place where bullying occurs.
- Most students who are bullied online have also been bullied face to face.
- Around four out of 5 students who have been cyber bullied say they have also recently been bullied at school.

# Church mass times

- 1st Sunday: 9 a.m.  
2nd Sunday: 9 a.m.  
3rd Sunday: 11 a.m.  
4th Sunday: Lay led @ 10 a.m.



# From the sports desk

What a big week of sport we had last week and it continues this week with Kowree Cross Country for the Years 3-6 happening in Balmoral.

Students will travel by bus to Balmoral to compete against Balmoral P-12, Goroke P-12, Apsley and Edenhope P-12. Students will depart school at 9 a.m. and return no later than 3 p.m. Students will require all food and drink needs, and must wear their school uniform with running shoes. Students who finish in the top 6 finishers will be selected to represent the school at Little Desert Cross Country.

Congratulations to MacKillop House for winning the Western Trinity Cross Country Shield. We congratulate all students who participated, in particular our age group champions. A very big thank you to Ms. Simpson and her amazing 5/6 class for organising the day; job well done.

Well done and thank you Rhianna for representing our school at Friday's State Swimming Championships. Congratulations on an outstanding achievement - we all look forward to watching your swimming success continue long into the future.



## INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

# Australian Government Mobile Service Centre



## Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

**Wednesday, 15 May 2024**

9 am to 4 pm

Near the council chambers, Elizabeth Street

EDENHOPE

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# Sneak a Peek/Learning Walk tours

The first official Sneak a Peek tour will be on Thursday, 2nd May @ 10 a.m. but we welcome anyone at anytime. We have another 2 planned for 21st May @ 11.30 a.m. and 19th June @ 9.15 a.m.



Mum's cuppa - Wednesday, 24th April @ 8.30 a.m.



# This week's happenings

## APRIL

24th: Mum's Cuppa @ 8.30 a.m.

25th: ANZAC Day - public holiday

26th: Kowree Cross Country @ Balmoral - Years 3-6

# Upcoming dates

## APRIL

29th: Catholic Education Week

30th: CEW Celebrations @ Casterton - Year 5/6

## MAY

2nd: Sneak a Peek @ 10 a.m.

5th: School Woodcut - details to follow