ST. MALACHY'S SCHOOL



TERM 2 WEEK 4

10/05/24



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.

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Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

Happy Mother's Day for Sunday to all our school mums and significant women in our lives. We hope Mother's Day is a time to celebrate the important role women play in our lives. We hope you enjoyed today's afternoon tea and the time to celebrate with your children.

Another successful "woodcut" for St. Malachy's School was held last Sunday. A big thank you to Anne-Maree & Neville Robinson and Brooke & Chris White for allowing us onto their properties to access their wood. A huge thank you to all of our families that helped from 8:30 a.m. onwards on Sunday; you all did a great job. A very successful day with a lot of wood cut. The money raised will pay for the new surface and markings on our half basketball court which hopefully will be laid in the next two weeks. It was great to see ear muffs, safety glasses, gloves and safety footwear being

Yesterday morning, it was Walk to School day. Our students including bus travellers and town students, along with Edenhope College students walked either from the Edenhope Pitston corner or town tennis court

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Principal: John O'Sullivan

Prayer

Dear Lord, Bless our Mums and significant women in our lives. -Amen



Riddle



Question:
How to you organise a space party?

Answer: You planet!

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.



Around the rooms

Year Foundation/1 - Mrs. Chadwick

This week, we have introduced Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers, and Punctuation (VCOP) to our reading and writing. Students have enjoyed playing around with these to edit and uplevel their writing. In Health, we have explored the healthy eating pyramid and the concept of eating the rainbow. Students learnt how different coloured fruit and vegetables help different parts of our body to grow strong. Red helps our heart, orange helps our eyes, yellow helps our immune system, green helps our bones, blue helps our brain and purple improves digestion.

Art- Mrs. Craig

This term in Art, we are looking at culture and traditions from Africa. Students have enjoyed making their own stories to go with masks they have created, inspired by masks from Burkina Faso.

Year 3/4 - Mrs. Thomson

This week in 3/4, we have been busy getting stuck into our inquiry and science units. Thank you to those who sent in extra jars for science. We have put them to good use. We have also used our upcoming Mother's day celebrations to make a trip to the local supermarket and work this into our maths lesson. We estimated the cost of items, found the real cost then rounded and totalled our expenses. It was very interesting to see if our estimates were close to the real cost.

Year 5/6 - Ms. Simpson

Our focus has been developing strong paragraphs which contain a topic sentence and concluding sentence, and then supportive sentences in between. Here are some of the amazing paragraphs we have written this week:

Martin trailed his fingers in the clear, cold water. The water growled and gurgled at him like a lion. A lizard scurried to the water hoping Martin won't see him. Its scales were colourful like a rainbow and glimmered in the burning sun. The heat was scorching and sweat dripped off his face onto the ground. The temptation to jump into the freezing water started to grow. However, the water might hide creatures lurking at the bottom. Martin sharply pulled his hand away from the cold water. - Maddie Martin trailed his fingers in the clear, cold water. A lizard ran to the water, saw Martin and froze. Its green sparkling scales had bits of gold flecked through them. The lizard looked at Martin as if saying "I am just a rock, I am just a rock', before running off into the bush. Martin heard birds singing or were they laughing at him? The crystal clear freezing water might hold creatures lurking at the bottom, and Martin took out his finger. - Scarlett

Martin trailed his fingers in the clear cold water. The sun caught the edge of the water sending light sparks flying around. Relaxing sounds filled Martin's ears-water trickling and gurgling over rocks. A colourful lizard scurried over the rocks and slipped into the crystal, clear water. Martin jumped and took his hand out of the water. What else lies beneath the water?

- Felix

Martin stared longingly at the clear cool water. He heard a sharp slither and his eyes darted to spot a thick black and red fat snake, slithering gracefully into the water. Martin checked the rest of his surroundings. He saw a rich gold lizard frozen in fear, staying so still that Martin could swear it was a statue. Martin's ears listened deeply to the unusual sound of water bubbling, splashing, moving to the rhythm of the birds' songs - prettier than any orchestra. Martin had almost made up his mind to jump into the water when a shadow skimmed under the surface and he stopped, his eyes struggling to leave the delicate paradise. - Milly

<u>Performing Arts - Ms. Watt</u>

In Term 2, we are all studying and creating dances that are influenced by the glorious animals that share this land with us. Drawing inspiration from indigenous dances from around the world, we have learned bird, elephant and lion sequences which will all be drawn together as a performance around a waterhole. Keep an eye out in the newsletter for an invitation to our final performance later this term!



Child safety



What could our children and teens do if they knew in their hearts they were brave enough?

All children and teens are capable of their very own versions of greatness. For too many though, anxiety will shut down their capacity to discover their potential - but it doesn't have to be this way.

This transformational session will provide the essential information and strategies to help all parents and carers support children and adolescents to build courage and resilience, uncover their strengths, and take anxiety back to small enough. We will discuss ways to nurture the skills and qualities that will strengthen all children for life.

Coming to the Horsham - don't miss it

June 4th-2 Sessions 1.30 to 3.00pm - 6.30 to 8.00pm

Venue: Church of Christ, 91 River Rd, Horsham.

Tickets \$15 - for bookings - https://www.trybooking.com/1219309



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A very special thanks to the Horsham Lions Club

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Karen's books will be available for purchase. "Hey Warrior" has now sold over 200,000 copies



About Karen Young https://www.heysigmund.com

Karen has worked as a psychologist in private practice, and organisational and educational settings. She is a sought-after speaker, educator, and consultant, and works with parents, schools government bodies, and child and adolescent focused organisations both in Australia and oversees. Karen is the founder of 'Hey Sigmund', on internationally popular chilen resource that provides contemporary, research-driven information on anxiety and the neurodevelopment of children. She has written three books, including the bestselling 'Hey Warrior' and 'Hey Awesome', which creatively assist children to understand and manage anxiety.

Edenhope College Book Fair

Edenhope College is having their Book Fair during the week of Monday, 20th May to Thursday, 23rd May and St. Malachy's School staff, students and parents have been invited to have a look and make any purchases. As a school, students will have an opportunity to have a look and then parents can have a look too and make any purchases if they wish. St. Malachy's will be having their book fair next year in 2025.

<u>Mum's cuppa - Thursday, 23rd May @ 2.00 p.m.</u>

Our fortnightly Mum's cuppas are going well and remember, it's okay if you can't make it; thanks for sending through your apologies. It doesn't matter how many mums come, the kettle is always on, a slice/cake on the table and a packet of Tic Tocs or Hundred & Thousands for the littlies (the staff actually love our leftovers!).

On Tuesday, 3 mums and I had our own little peek in all the classrooms to see what the students were up to and the students loved us coming in; I think it was so they could stop work.

Next one will change to an afternoon one @ 2.00 p.m. - for future dates, shall we have it before end of school and you can take your child with you or after school when you can send them home on bus and dad meet the bus? Happy to take your feedback - text through your thoughts/suggestions.

Upcoming dates

MAY

13th: Little Desert Cross Country @ Nhill 15th: School Advisory Council meeting 21st: Sneak a Peek/Learning Walk @ 11.30 a.m.

20th-24th: Edenhope College Book Fair 29th: Little Desert Winter Sports @ Horsham

JUNE 28th: End of term 2
JULY 15th: Start of term 3

