



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

2024 Mother's Day @ St. Malachy's



To all the mothers and special women who support our students at St. Malachy's, happy Mothers Day!

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 Craig Ex Officio Members: John O'Sullivan and Barb Ryan

Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

On Friday afternoon, we welcomed our mums and special people to school. We were all very excited to host our special visitors! To these wonderful women and all those we love dearly, thank you for your love and care. We also remembered our mums who are no longer with us, but whose love we continue to experience every day.

Congratulations to the students that represented the school at the Interschool Cross Country in Nhill on Monday. A special congratulations to Lucius King who made it through to the next level in Warrnambool in two weeks time. Well done Lucius!

As a staff, we are noticing very early in the term how tired many of the children are each day. We find Mondays particularly challenging, with many of the students just too tired to learn properly. This raises real concerns for us. We would appreciate your full support here as a family unit by ensuring that the children are having early nights, some down time on weekends, are not distracted at night with tv, too much screen time, too much sport on or for the bookworms, reading until late in bed. Thank you in advance for your support here with this matter.

- John

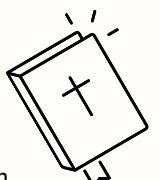
Where do Astronauts keep their
Astronaut Food Snacks? In their
Launch box!!



From time to time, a small job is needed to be done @ school. Why pay someone when there might be someone or a family that may have some spare time where you can use that chainsaw to cut a limb, a hedge trimmer to trim a hedge, tidy up the yard and paths (we have our own blower you can use), etc. Can we call on you now and again? There's always someone that says "why didn't you ask?" We're asking so make contact with the school - we'd love to hear from you.

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.

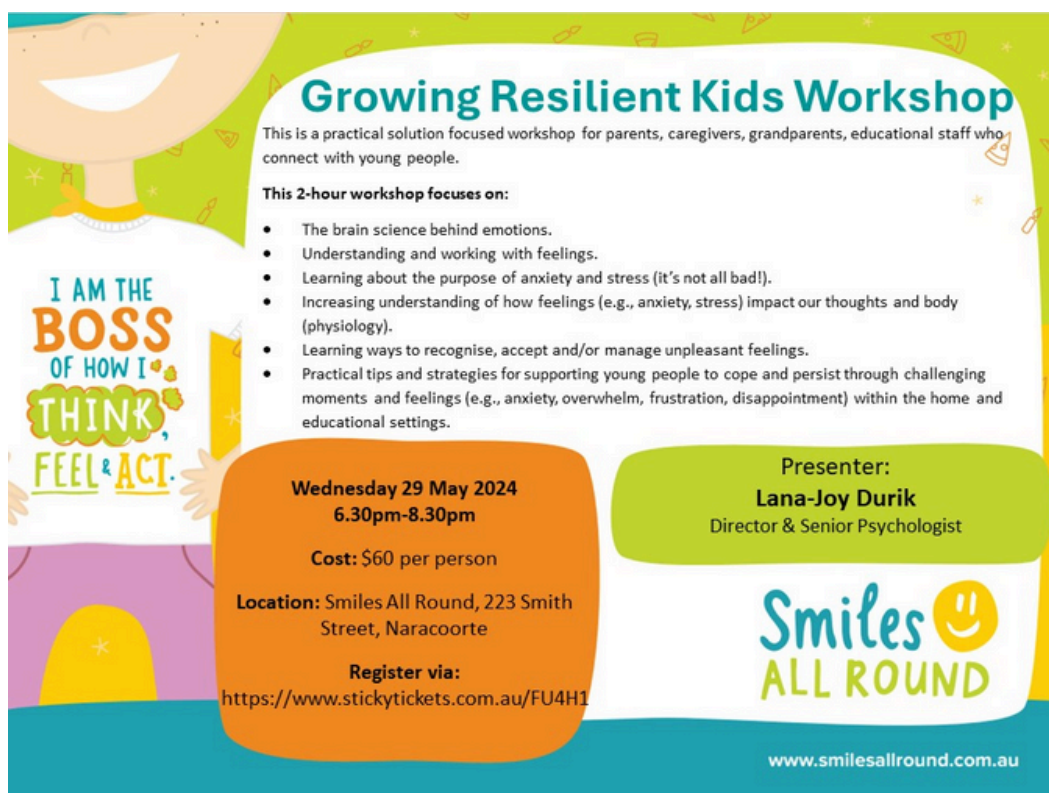


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Child Safety

- Several trees at the Wilderness Block at school require trimming which will take place shortly. In the meantime, the students have been asked to stay away from the area. A safety barrier has been set up around the main tree which is possibly dangerous.
- Recently our playground equipment underwent an audit on the behalf of DOBCEL, a company called Scape and Play was given the contract and their recommendations will be followed up.
- New softfall has been added to the playground this week
- The school had an emergency drill this week to keep us all on our toes.



Growing Resilient Kids Workshop

This is a practical solution focused workshop for parents, caregivers, grandparents, educational staff who connect with young people.

This 2-hour workshop focuses on:

- The brain science behind emotions.
- Understanding and working with feelings.
- Learning about the purpose of anxiety and stress (it's not all bad!).
- Increasing understanding of how feelings (e.g., anxiety, stress) impact our thoughts and body (physiology).
- Learning ways to recognise, accept and/or manage unpleasant feelings.
- Practical tips and strategies for supporting young people to cope and persist through challenging moments and feelings (e.g., anxiety, overwhelm, frustration, disappointment) within the home and educational settings.

Wednesday 29 May 2024
6.30pm-8.30pm

Cost: \$60 per person

Location: Smiles All Round, 223 Smith Street, Naracoorte

Register via:
<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/FU4H1>

Presenter:
Lana-Joy Durik
Director & Senior Psychologist

Smiles ALL ROUND

www.smilesallround.com.au

From the Sports Desk - John and Felix

On Monday the 13th of May, we travelled to Nhill racecourse to compete in the Little Desert Cross Country. The weather was perfect for running with a cool breeze and a light, misty rain. The start of the track was fairly rough with holes, loose dirt and tough, lumpy grass. The middle of the track was smooth sailing as we ran around the horse race track. At the back of the track were a few more challenges as we tackled knee high grass. We all enjoyed the day - both the running and the catching up with friends from across the area.

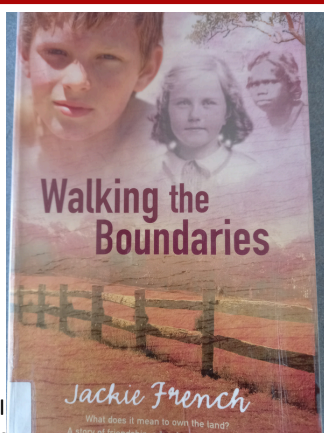
- John and Felix

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements:
Airlie: 8th Finn: 24th Rhianna: 28th Elena: 29th Archer: 9th
Sam: 13th Felix: 8th John: 15th Sarah: 16th and a special congratulations to Lucius who finished 5th and has qualified for the Regionals in Warrnambool.

Thanks to Sherryn and the parents that helped on the day, driving their kids to Nhill, carpooling, checkpoints, etc. - together, you've helped to make it a successful day.

Around the 5/6 Room

As a class, we have been reading the book titled, "Walking the Boundaries". We are only a third of the way in, but are eager to find out what the next page brings as the end of our reading session finishes with a chorus of "please can we keep reading!!". An Australian story based in NSW, we travel with city born Martin, who has been challenged by his Great Grandfather to walk the boundaries of the farm, and if successful, the farm will be given to Martin. However, on his travels Martin meets a girl from 100 years earlier and discovers that while the land might be 'worth a mint', it could be worth much more.



In Maths, we have finished working on addition and subtraction, and enter into the grand world of multiplication and division - prime and composite numbers; square and triangular numbers, factors, multiples, and 'showing all our working'! A timely reminder to practise times tables, as by the end of Year 6 (and personally I would hope Year 5), fluency with our times tables makes life so much easier.

Prayer

150 years Anniversary Prayer

Blessed are you, God of all creation
Through your goodness we have
received all the gifts we enjoy.

As we mark the 150th anniversary
of our Diocese of Ballarat, we give
thanks for the blessings bestowed
upon us.

We recognise the communities who
have lived on this land from ancient
times. We honour the Aboriginal
peoples, here for tens of thousands
of years. We honour those who
came from overseas and settled
here before our diocese began.

Yet our anniversary shines a special light on our years as the Diocese of Ballarat, a community of communities from the Murray to the sea. We remember those who have gone before us, those who laid the foundations of our parish and school communities and our social services and health care.

We acknowledge the strengths and weaknesses of our history. We celebrate the achievements and we ask pardon for the failures to live our Christian faith to the full.

May this anniversary year be a season of renewal for our diocese. Inspired by the Gospel and nourished by the Eucharist, may we follow the example of Jesus and the guidance of your Holy Spirit. May we reach out in humble service, welcoming all and caring for all creation. May we grow in love day by day.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Mum's cuppa - Thursday, 23rd May @ 2.00 p.m.

Upcoming Dates

MAY

21st: Sneak a Peek/Learning Walk @ 11.30 a.m.

20th-24th: Edenhope College Book Fair

23rd: Mum's cuppa @ 2.00 p.m.

29th: Little Desert Winter Sports @ Horsham

JUNE 10th: King's Birthday Holiday

28th: End of term 2

JULY 15th: Start of term 3

