ST. MALACHY'S SCHOOL



TERM 2 WEEK 6

24/05/24

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



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Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

Recently, I attended a meeting of Diocesan Principals in Horsham. As a Diocese, we are developing DOBCEL's (Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited) strategic plan for the next five years and beyond. The Diocese will be working alongside world-renowned Finnish educator, Professor Pasi Sahlberg and CEO of Future Schools Australia Dave Runge, who will advise, guide and co-design with DOBCEL a strategic plan to shape the direction for our system of schools over the next five years.

To mark the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat, and in recognition of, and sensitivity to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sisters and brothers, four Message Sticks will simultaneously journey to each Catholic school across the four education zones of the Diocese. They were blessed by Fr. Marcello Colasante and presented



to representatives of the four diocesan education zones during Catholic Education Week recently. St. Malachy's will receive the CEO message stick in early August.

Thank you to the local police presence at the beginning and end of the school day on Lake St looking out for everyone's safety outside our schools. It's great to see the students safely using the crossing when their parents are parked on the other side of the road to pick up.

-John



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Hopefully a prayer or two may bring some rain during this dry weather.

"Please, loving God, bring us rain to renew the ground, to replenish our dams, to bring some chance of feed, to bring the possibility of some reward to those who have toiled so hard.

We turn to you in faith and hope."

- Amen

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.



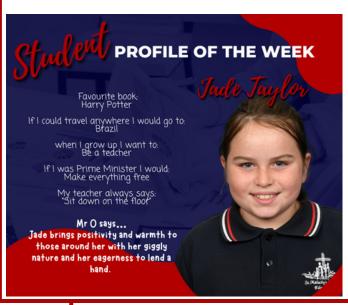
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- Setting your child up for success online (30min)
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Around the Rooms

Foundation/Year 1: Mrs. Chadwick

We have had another busy week this week with a big focus on spotting common vowel digraphs in words such as ee, er and oa. We have also been practising decoding various words and deciding if it is a real word or a non-sense word. This is always full of laughs! The Foundation group used their sentence of the week to help them to write a book. They have all showed outstanding progress in their reading and writing over the past couple of weeks in particular. Correct letter formation of some of our trickier letters will be a strong target next week! In Maths we have begun Multiplication and Division. We have been busy making arrays and playing "Hip-Hip-Array", if you have any grid paper at home, I'm sure your child would love to teach you! Making an array using counters and then covering a portion always proves a challenge at the end of the lesson. Students have to try to visualise the hidden counters and tell me how many there are. Finally, in sport we have had a cracking week of tennis! The highest hitter in the class is Joey, the noisiest is Audrey, the most determined is Matilda and the most likely to make a Wimbledon appearance is Wilbur!

Year 2: Mrs. Craig

In class this week, we have been finishing up on Addition and Subtraction and moving into Multiplication and Division. Using the 'Jump Strategy' seemed to be trickiest strategy for most, however the students enjoyed using their knowledge of tens and units to solve 2 digit equations. We have also been enjoying the extensive vocabulary in Roald Dahl's 'Matilda'. Do you know what the words twaddle, gormless and epicure mean? We cannot wait to finish the chapter about Bruce Bogtrotter and the chocolate cake!

Year 3/4: Mrs. Thomson

Our donated jars for science have yielded some interesting results. We used them to create soil solutions from different areas around the school and have found that even around our school, the soil types vary! Now we are moving into looking at rocks and weathering so stay tuned for our learning around these concepts. We have also been working on a 'word of the day'. Some of our words include formidable, nimble, tolerate, tremendous and devouring. See if you can work these into the conversation - we have been looking out for opportunities to use them in speech and writing!

Year 5/6: Ms. Simpson

Last Friday, after a big week, we decided to try out some of the food that has been mentioned in the book we are reading. Students cooked up Gingernuts, Pumpkin Cake, Orange Cake and Spotted Dick (an English pudding) served with custard. It was quite a treat. Recently, we read about cooking a possum on an open fire...... but I might leave that for home learning!

Reconciliation Week

Reconciliation is an ongoing journey that reminds us that while generations of Australians have fought hard for meaningful change, future gains are likely to take just as much, if not more, effort. As part of Reconciliation week the Year 5 & 6 St. Malachy's class, will join with the Hands-on learning class from Edenhope College, to bake and sell muffins. The money collected will go towards supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in foster care.

From the Sports Desk

Good luck to Lucius as he competes in the greater Western Cross Country on Monday. We are very proud of your achievement and look forward to hearing your story of the Warrnambool run!

Next Wednesday, the Year 5 & 6 students and some Year 4 students, will be heading to Horsham to play in either an A.F.L. or Netball round robin. For this event, we combine with the Kowree schools

We need to leave right on 8.50 a.m. to arrive on time in Horsham and we will be quite tired at the end of the day. It will be an enjoyable day and a



<u>Mum's cuppa - Thursday, 6th June @ 2 p.m</u>

to make teams.

big one!

Upcoming Dates

MAY

29th: Little Desert Winter Sports @ Horsham

JUNE

6th: Mum's cuppa @ 2 p.m. 10th: King's Birthday Holiday

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



