



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

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.



Reconciliation Week



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,

Congratulations to Lucius King on reaching the next level at the Zone Cross Country in Warrnambool on Monday. We are very proud of you Lucius; Lucius has written a report for this week's newsletter which you'll find overleaf.

On Wednesday, Sherryn, Gloria and I travelled with the senior students to Horsham for Winter Sports. The students selected Football and Netball as their chosen sport for the day. Report and pictures will be in next week's newsletter. Thank you to the families who came in to pick up children when we had a delayed return due to a flat battery on the bus. Despite the hiccup, we all had a fantastic day.

With Winter knocking on our doorstep, along comes the coughs, colds, runny noses, illnesses along with Covid still lingering. If your child is unwell, please keep them home and this will help minimise the spread through the classes and staff and your child will recover quicker @ home. Students struggle to function with learning when they're not feeling well.

If you know your child is going to be absent or late, you are encouraged to log it in through PAM; alternatively the roll will send an absence text out. This will show up in your teacher's class roll when they mark them in the mornings. As the school rolls are audited, we are required to log in all attendances and the reasons for absences hence why you receive the texts. If you haven't responded to any absences, we are required to follow up on them.

Let's hope those rain clouds open up over the next couple of days.

Stay warm.

-John

## Prayer for Reconciliation

God of all creation, as we journey together in this Great Southern Land, we pray for healing, forgiveness and unity, creating a path of goodwill, with justice and compassion.



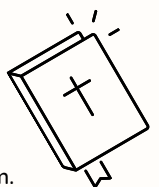
Jesus, through the power of your love, you have given us the courage, wisdom and strength to share our gifts and talents in humility. In peace and understanding we reconcile with each other. Creator Spirit, we come together in prayer and thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received. Allow your Spirit to wash over us and give us strength to walk together as one.

This Reconciliation Church prayer was written by a small group of Aboriginal Elder women and Reconciliation Church staff members in 2014. Find it and more liturgical resources on the [NATSICC website](https://www.natsicc.org.au).

Artwork by Queenie McKenzie, theme image for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 2019.

## 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.



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# Child Safety



The students have been reminded this week about not running in the corridors.

Walk everyone and stay safe!

## Student PROFILE OF THE WEEK

*Thomas Lee*

Favourite book:  
Harry Potter

If I could travel anywhere I would go to:  
America

when I grow up I want to:  
A farmer and a mechanic

If I was Prime Minister I would:  
I would import cars to Australia and only have mechanic school.

My teacher always says:  
"Good job!"

Mr O says...  
"Thomas is a nimble lad with magnets for hands when it comes to any games with a ball in! His passion for dogs and cars gives him plenty to chat about with his mates any time of day!"

## Around the Rooms

### Foundation/Year 1: Mrs. Chadwick

We welcomed Teresa into our Maths lesson on Tuesday to introduce new Multiplication and Division games.

Today, we played go fish matching arrays to their equation. This has helped students to grasp the concept of rows and columns.

In Science, we have been exploring how our earth's surface can change. Today was the perfect day to make rain gauges and watch the weather radar. We have made observations on wind direction and cloud movement.

### Year 2: Mrs. Craig

In Humanities this week, we have been continuing on our Olympic journey. We have looked at the sports from the Ancient Olympics as well as the sports that have been added over time. Did you know Break Dancing has been added to the 2024 games? We have also mapped previous hosting cities within our continent groups. Our discoveries identified each continent has hosted the games the following number of times:

- Europe 30
- The Americas: 13
- Asia: 8
- Oceania: 2
- Africa: 0

### Year 3/4: Mrs. Thomson & Ms. Watt

We are looking at Gratitude this term for Religious Education. We have reflected on the small everyday things that we can sometimes overlook and brainstormed ways in which we can show gratitude for such blessings. We are now looking at the Beatitudes where Jesus shows us how to lead with gratitude during some of the harder times in life. Stay tuned for our art pieces that are to come by the end of this term!

### Year 5/6: Ms. Simpson

We are heading into multiplication & division in Maths, so practise, practise, practise those times tables! Students have also completed their persuasive writing unit and after publishing their favourite piece, we will move into writing for entertainment. I am looking forward to sharing writing pieces with you, as they are amazing!



## Government School Savings

### Bonus

Recently, the Allan Labor Government announced a \$400 School Saving Bonus for all school students in government schools regardless of income, but only for Health Care Card holders in Catholic schools.

Our position on this is that it is deeply unfair. We believe the payment should be means tested for all students or apply to all students. It should not be based on which school you attend. This policy punishes families for choosing to send their children to a Catholic school.

Our school, St Malachy's School Edenhope and the peak body, the Victorian Catholic Education Authority, are working hard to oppose this policy and we need your help.

We need to show the Victorian Government that punishing families who choose a Catholic school is unacceptable.

Our school's local MP is Emma Kealy and Emma can be contacted by calling (03) 5382 0097 or by emailing [emma.kealy@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:emma.kealy@parliament.vic.gov.au)

A template letter is available to assist you with making your voice heard and a link will be in the email when families receive their emailed newsletters.

Thank you for your time in reading this and for advocating for your family and our school.



## From the Sports Desk - by Lucius King

On Monday 27th, I went to Warrnambool to participate in the Regional Cross Country. The race was very fun because there was so much to see. I got a jumper, which is really cool. I came 55th in my race but I still had fun. Afterwards, we went to the hot springs-where I relaxed my sore muscles and got hot chips. Cross Country is the best!

## Mum's cuppa - Thursday, 6th June @ 2 p.m.



### Upcoming Dates

- JUNE**
- 6th: Mum's cuppa @ 2 p.m.
- 10th: King's Birthday Holiday
- 28th: End of term 2
- JULY** 15th: Start of term 3

