



"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.

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## Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

This week, we welcome a new family to St. Malachy's. We welcome Jess and Ryan Mulraney with their children Mackenzie in Year 2 and Matilda in Foundation. We look forward to getting to know you all and we welcome you to our school community.

We offer our best wishes to the Airlie, Felix, Gabi, John and Scarlett who are representing the school in Hockey 7's competition today in the Little Desert Region Sports in Dimboola. No doubt inspired by the Olympics - good luck and we hope you enjoy the experience. A huge thank you to Emily for driving them all!

The staff and I continue the journey of learning with our Structured Literacy Professional Development this half of the year. The Sciences of Reading and Learning tell us that a systematic, explicit approach to the teaching of the alphabetic code and the grammatical rules that underpin written English offers our students the best chance at becoming confidently literate. The approach we are strategically adopting is called Structured Literacy, which is the approach endorsed by the International Dyslexia Association, the International Literacy Association and the Australian National Inquiry into the Teaching of Literacy. We will strive to keep you updated on the progress of this important project, but for now you may wish to watch this short video from the DOBCEL Structured Literacy team to find out more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fLLrFOqmg7k> This week, I have attached a flyer for Foundation parents; next week, we will feature Years 1-6.

-John

"Peace begins with a smile" -

Mother Theresa



Mother Teresa was an Albanian-Indian

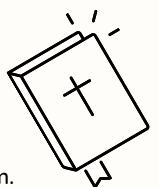
Catholic nun who spent a good part of her life working in the slums of India working with the poorest of the poor. Mother Teresa was well respected worldwide for wonderful work with the order of nuns she founded; The Sisters of Charity. Her legacy lives on in her sister's work. This remarkable woman received many accolades during her life. One being a Nobel Peace Prize.

The Foundation/1 class have been discussing Mother (Saint) Teresa's life and great works as part of their kindness unit in R.E. this term.

1. "Peace begins with a smile."
2. "We fear the future because we are wasting today."
3. "When you don't have anything, then you have everything."
4. "Profound joy of the heart is like a magnet that indicates the path of life."
5. "Love begins by taking care of the closest ones - the ones at home."

## 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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# Around the Rooms

## Foundation/1 - Mrs. Chadwick

We partied for 100 days of school in style! We wrote hilarious tales about being 100 years old, crafted snack bags with 100 treats and savoured a scrumptious lunch cooked up by the Year 5/6 class. We even sweated through a workout of 100 exercises (who knew jumping jacks could be so tiring?). Our families went all out with their fancy dress, turning our class into the most fabulous senior citizens ever, who are surely going to rock Lakeside Living someday!

## Year 2 - Mrs. Craig

We have been very busy learning about creatures that live in or near the ocean. Last week, we learnt about whales, sea birds and seahorses. We were then treated to some 'Ocean jelly cups', prepared by Miss Freeman, Codey and Munyasha. In Art, we have been making a section of coral reef. This week, we will be working on our tentacles, urchins and statement coral pieces.

## Year 3/4 - Mrs. Thomson and Ms. Watt

Olympics have started and 3/4 are loving keeping on top of it. We have each chosen a country and done some research into that country. We are keeping a medal tally, have made graphs in Maths and even have plans to complete some Olympic themed science. Did you know originally the Olympics was a 1 day religious festival in Olympia dedicated to the god Zeus? In other Science news, we made slime this week and have explored its properties. We have also been visited by Teresa Hadden who taught us about distributive property in Maths.

## Year 5/6 - Ms. Simpson

This week, we have been working on the four special days that the class identified we could contribute to for the fun and enjoyment of everyone: 'whoever wants to be a leader must be your servant' (Matthew 20:26). We enjoyed preparing a special lunch for the Foundation students to help celebrate their 100 days of school. There are three more special occasions we are working on, at least two which will be involving families. We have started fractions this week, working on equivalent and simplifying fractions. A much easier task when we realised fractions are really just division. We have completed a writing piece to support an artwork we have done. This will be submitted into a competition next week. Information about camp will be coming out at the end of the week. It's going to be great!!

# School uniform

With winter here, we have the frosty and cold mornings as well. We are noticing that some students are arriving in short sleeves and shorts and then cuddling the heater because they are cold. Please encourage your child/ren to dress appropriately for the weather conditions.

It's a requirement that students wear white socks with their school uniform. If your child is going to be out of uniform, please send a message to the school. We know it can be difficult to get washing dry and sometimes, kids like to be different and wear whatever they like and then we have a ripple effect with others wearing whatever they like.

Thank you for your support with the uniforms and also thank you for keeping your child/ren home when they're unwell.

# Child Safety



Today, we underwent one of our regular emergency drills with staff and students. Today's 10 minute drill was a fire evacuation exercise. This was especially important having 5 new students at the school this term. Elle Guthrie, our school's Compliance Officer, was onsite to provide feedback.

# Grandparents' Day/Science Week Quiz Afternoon

To celebrate Grandparents' Day, Year 5/6 students are inviting grandparents and all families to St. Malachy's on Friday, 16th August at 1:30 p.m. to participate in a Science Quiz afternoon. Don't be scared! It will be great! All questions range from being able to be answered by Foundation students all the way up to adults and we made sure to include farm-based Science questions, some Olympic questions and even a building challenge (involving gold and bushrangers!) It will be lots of fun, so put it in your diary, everyone welcome.



# Book Week activities

Year 5/6 students are encouraging all students to dress up for Book Week on Friday, 23rd August. The theme is 'Reading is Magic', so be creative with your dress ups. We will have a costume parade first thing @ 9 a.m. so we can all see our magical outfits then at 2:15 p.m., students and any families will complete a scavenger hunt inspired by fairytales and nursery rhymes. Parents and families are invited to attend the parade or the scavenger hunt or both!








Mum's cuppa -  
Tuesday, 6th August @ 2.15 p.m.







# Term 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	15th <u>July</u>	16th	17th	18th	19th
Week 2 <u>Olympics</u>	22nd	23rd	24th	25th  Mum's cuppa @ 8.30.	26th
Week 3 <u>Olympics</u>	29th	30th Foundation 100 days of school	31st Parent-Teacher interviews as requested.	1st <u>August</u> Little Desert Hockey 7s @ Horsham	2nd
Week 4	5th	6th  Mum's cuppa @ 2.15	7th	8th	9th
Week 5 <u>Science Week</u>	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th Grandparent's Science Trivia Day
Week 6 <u>Book Week</u>	19th	20th  Mum's cuppa @ 2.30	21st Kowree Athletics S.A.C. A.G.M.	22nd Structured Literacy School Closure Day	23rd
Week 7	26th	27th	28th Year 5/6 Camp @ Sovereign Hill	29th Year 5/6 Camp @ Sovereign Hill	30th Year 5/6 Camp @ Sovereign Hill
Week 8	2nd <u>September</u> Numeracy @ Casterton School Closure Day	3rd	4th	5th  Mum's cuppa @ 2.15	6th
Week 9	9th	10th	11th	12th Little Desert Athletics @ Stawell	13th
Week 10	16th	17th  Mum's cuppa @ 8.30	18th	19th	20th Footy Colours Day End of term - early finish @ 2.20 p.m.





# Student PROFILE OF THE WEEK

## Lizzie Merrett

Favourite book:  
The Once Series

If I could travel anywhere I would go to:  
Greece or Italy

when I grow up I want to:  
Be a doctor without borders

If I was Prime Minister I would:  
work towards all men and women having  
equal rights everywhere

My teacher always says:  
"Have a growth mindset"

Mr O says...

"Lizzie is a deep thinker whose empathy is exceptional. She has a moral compass that could rival a superhero's and stays up to date with global current affairs. She's got our vote for local Mayer!"

