



"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 year, there have been ongoing celebrations of our Ballarat Diocese's 150 Year celebration. As part of the celebrations, five aboriginal message sticks were commissioned by DOBCEL to be shared around our schools in the diocese. St. Malachy's have been fortunate to have the message sticks onsite this week. We welcomed Jeanette Morris, from Catholic Education Ballarat, into the school on Monday starting with a prayer service. Jeanette is the DOBCEL Aboriginal Curriculum Leader in the office and she worked with all our four classes as part of Aboriginal Children's Day on Monday. Jeanette brought with her aboriginal artefacts to help tell stories and she was able to explain the use of the "Message Sticks" in Aboriginal culture. They were often used to invite neighbouring groups to corroborees, initiation ceremonies, right of entry to country and invitation to religious rituals.

On Tuesday, we had Rob Jelly, from Little Aths Victoria, taking the students for a Physical Education lesson along with the classroom teacher. Rob was excellent with the students in the way he encouraged full participation. Rob provided training in High Jump for all of our students. Maybe, St. Malachy's has some future Olympians; thank you Rob.

-John

A Prayer

As we come together, we acknowledge those who have contributed to the journey to 150 years of our Diocese.

We remember our parish community and all members of the education community - families, students, teachers, and staff and the many gifts they have shared and the hopes and dreams they have for those gathered today. We renew our commitment to the growth of all through shared stories, ideas and support of each other.

We answer the call to open our hearts and ask the Holy Spirit to help us along our different yet connected journeys in life and to help us live in harmony with one another.

-Amen

Catholic Diocese of Ballarat

*Community
Remember Revitalise
Hope*

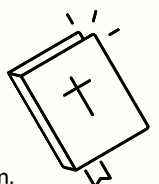


*Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer
Romans 12:12*

Anniversary Formation

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

Art with Mrs. Craig

The students have been busy creating artworks for the Australian Conservation Foundation 2024 Art competition. The Year 3-6 classes have chosen an animal or plant to focus on individually, whilst the Year F-2 classes are working on a group piece. The aim of this project is to raise awareness of threatened, vulnerable or extinct Australian species. Keep your eyes out for pictures of these pieces before they are submitted on the 12th of August.

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

This week, we finished the novel Storm Boy. We are now in full swing writing book reports, creating miniature worlds and preparing to compare the movie to the novel.

In Maths, with the Olympics still in full swing, we have looked at the exchange rate between France and Australia. We converted some ticket prices into AUD then looked up the cost for flights and accommodation before considering how long we would need to save for our trips. Even saving \$500 a week, some of us were very extravagant and would need to save for years to afford our trips! A good lesson on the real prices for events around the world and some learning about different currency.

Year 5/6 - Ms. Simpson

This week has been very busy (do I say that every week!!), as we hosted a couple of guests to help us with our learning.

On Monday, we learnt about message sticks and how they were used to remind the messenger of what needed to be told (far more accurate than Chinese whispers); and on Tuesday, we had Rob from Little Aths Victoria help us with our high jump technique.

We have been working on our character for the Sovereign Hill camp, to enhance our understanding of life in the gold rush colonies.

We've also made Ginger Beer for Science, to learn about chemical reactions and because it was a popular drink in the 1850's mostly for its health benefits. We haven't tasted it yet as it is fermenting (and hopefully not exploding).

Child safety

The eSafety Commissioner is once again running online parent and carer webinars, designed to support parents to assist their children navigate the online world. The topics this term are:

- An introduction to online safety and emerging technologies.
- Consent and online boundaries: How to support your primary-aged child.
- Understanding how to support your child with online gaming.

The flyer below outlines the topics and the times that these webinars are available. There is also a link to register.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

Tree planting

As a school, we have been invited by Mr. Noel Bull, from S.F.M. Forestry, for a tree planting half day in the Dergholm area on **Tuesday, 13th August**. S.F.M. is a forest management and harvesting company operating across Australia. S.F.M. are doing some revegetation work in the Dorodong Dergholm area and the trees that we will be planting are Stringy Bark and Buloke that are the main source of Red Tailed Black Cockatoos' food. This year, schools are being invited to be involved in revegetation days to preserve natural areas for endangered species and engage in local community works. The whole school will be involved on Tuesday. We will be departing school at 9 a.m. and returning about 2 p.m. We are taking 1 large bus and a staff car. The children will need to bring a packed morning tea/lunch and at least two water bottles. Old clothes are to be worn with suitable footwear and bring a coat. The children are encouraged to bring along a spade to help with the planting. Extra water, appropriate first aid supplies and students' personal medications will be taken.



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, 20th August @ 8.30 a.m.





Term 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 5 <u>Science Week</u>	12th	13th Tree planting	14th	15th	16th Grandparent's Science Trivia Day
Week 6 <u>Book Week</u>	19th	20th  Mum's cuppa @ 8.30	21st Kowree Athletics S.A.C. A.G.M.	22nd Structured Literacy <u>School Closure Day</u>	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 <u>School Closure Day</u>	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.

Kowree Athletics - Ms. Simpson

Our Interschool Athletics day is fast approaching on Wednesday, 21st August.

All students from Foundation to Year 6 will participate in all athletics events across the day. They will be representing St Malachy's, so school uniform is required.

The event runs from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and is a fast and furious day out!

In order for the day to run smoothly, once again, we're on the hunt and need some parents, who would be able to assist us with running some events OR walking with an age group. If we have plenty of volunteers, then we can roster a half day to lighten the load and you'll have time to cheer and watch your child/ren compete.

St. Malachy's will be running the High Jump for (F-6), Long jump (F-2) and supervising the 8 year old and 12 year old age groups.

Please send a text to the school phone if you are able to help and if you have a preference for where you'd like to help.

Thank you to all parents that will be able to put their hand/s up - we appreciate your assistance.





Student PROFILE OF THE WEEK

Favourite book:
Harry Potter, Silver linings and The land
of Stories

If I could travel anywhere I would go to:
Paris because they have delicious pastries
and chocolate

when I grow up I want to:
Writer, Interior designer, actor.

If I was Prime Minister I would:
Discover a plastic that could turn plastic
into soil and I would help build houses for
people in poverty.

My teacher always says:
"She says lots of things!"

Mr O says...

"Milly is the classroom wordsmith who can spin a
poem with flair. Don't be fooled by her friendly
smile though, she's been known to smuggle a
whoopie-cushion into class!"

