



"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

What a wonderful week we had last week celebrating Book Week. The theme was 'Reading is Magic' and what a magical time we had. After lots of great activities in the classroom throughout the week, we finished our Book Week celebration with our parade on Friday morning and a scavenger hunt on Friday afternoon. Thank you to all our children and families for the effort that goes into supporting these days.

Our staff had a very informative and productive professional learning day last Tuesday at school. We continued our journey along the Structured Literacy-Explicit Instruction path with lots of reassurance that we are making great progress and implementing components of this well into our classrooms as we continue to learn more.

A reminder that **Monday, 2nd September**, the school is closed for staff professional development. Staff are travelling to Casterton for a P.D. on the new Victorian Numeracy Curriculum.

This Sunday is Father's Day. Happy Father's Day to all our dads and special people in our lives. With the 5/6 class away on Camp this week and our school closure Day next Monday, we have organised our "Donut for Dads" morning tea on Tuesday next week, 3rd September at 11:00 a.m. We hope you can join us on Tuesday.

Lastly, I will be taking 7 days Long Service Leave from next Thursday, 5th September. Gabi will be Acting Principal during my absence and Gabi will continue to teach her F/1 class whilst I'm away for the week.

-John

## A Prayer

Gracious God, on this Father's Day  
we're especially thankful for the  
fathers and father figures in our lives.  
Hold them in your good care.

Give them patience, wisdom and  
strength, that through them their  
families may experience your  
unconditional love.

Bless those who long to be fathers and  
those for whom this day is difficult.  
Amen.



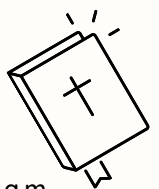
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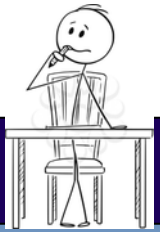
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## Church Mass Times

1st Sunday: 9 a.m.  
2nd Sunday: 9 a.m.  
3rd Sunday: 11.15 a.m.  
4th Sunday: Lay led @ 10 a.m.





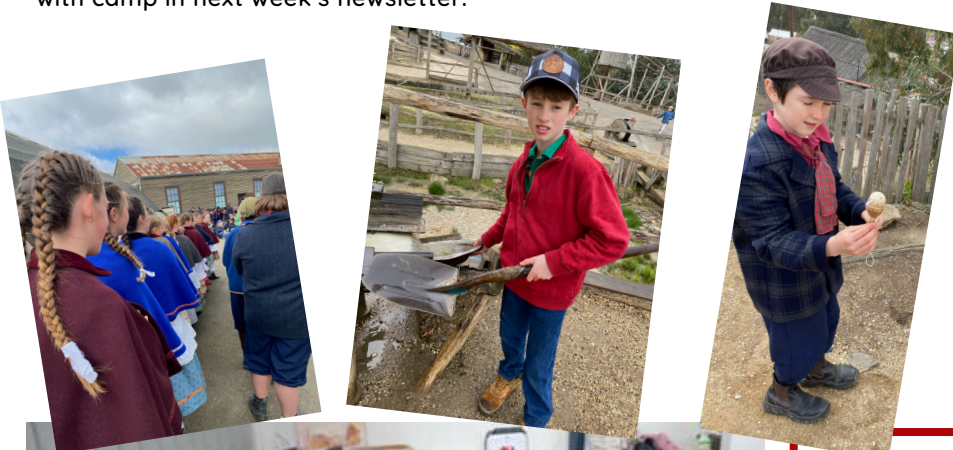
## Term 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 8	2nd <u>September</u> Numeracy @ Casterton <u>School Closure Day</u>	 Donut for Dads @ 11 a.m.	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 Year 3/4 excursion to Coorong	20th Footy Colours Day End of term - early finish @ 2.20 p.m.

### Year 5/6 Camp

Yesterday morning, the Year 5/6 class, along with Mr. O and Ms. Simpson, boarded the coach with Mr. Geoff Simpson in charge of the reigns on their journey to the goldfields of Ballarat where the class will have their taste of education and life back in the olden days.

Wonder if they went to the "rich" school or the "poor" school, was there the threat of the "cane", did they write on the slate boards for their lessons, maybe they found gold .....we look forward to hearing all about their travels with camp in next week's newsletter.



Thank  
you 

 **Bendigo Bank**

I would like to acknowledge the generosity of the Edenhope Branch of the Bendigo Bank for their donation of \$500 towards our new football goalposts which are being made at the moment. The Bendigo Community Grant is very much appreciated on behalf of our school community.

-John

### Child Safety

Seat belts must be worn on all school buses in Victoria if belts are fitted. Parents, can you please remind your children of this important rule for their own safety. Edenhope College and St. Malachy's have had reports that some students are not wearing seatbelts, despite many reminders.

