



"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 families,

I hope you and your family survived the impact of the fierce weather over the weekend. It wasn't the ideal way to commence Spring!

Last week the 5/6 class experienced life on the goldfields at Sovereign Hill which was a great experience for them.

School days in the 1850's were a shock to some of the students. Old fashioned games, writing with pen and ink, (only with your right hand) and the rule of "children should be seen and not heard" was enforced. Reciting tables and the gender differences between the boys and the girls were certainly enforced. Most of the curriculum was found in a small red book.

The students looked fantastic dressed up, along with Sherryn, who played the part of Mrs. Brown from the confectionery store. Mrs. Brown was invited into the school for the two days to find a suitable boy to train up as an apprentice to work in her husband's confectionery factory. Overall, it was a wonderful experience the students will probably never have again. Maybe school these days isn't so bad after all for some?

There was a good number of dads and special friends call in for a coffee and donut on Tuesday. It was a good opportunity for the dads to chat amongst themselves and have a play with their children.

-John

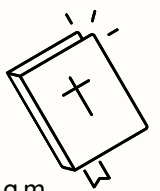
A Prayer

Lord, thank you for my dad and important father figures in my life.
Thank you for what they teach me and guide me.
Help me to learn from them and take the lessons they teach me to help me be a better person.
Amen.



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.




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Term 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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.

5/6 Camp

Last week the Year 5 & 6 students from St Malachys, Penshursts, St Jospehs coleraine and Sacred Heart Casterton went to Sovereign Hill, Ballarat.

On camp we watched people make confectionery. They showed us how to make raspberry drops. We even got to try one when they were warm. It tasted like heaven. We learnt how in the old days they didnt use food dye, but instead: Orange was leaving something to rust and then using the rust to make orange, red was smashed up beetle, yellow was pollen and yellow flowers, green was grass and moss, black was made from ash, blue was made from mould and that was how they made colour in the lolly.

We also saw a candle dipping demonstration and then we got to make our own coloured candles. The colours we got to use were pink, blue and yellow.

We saw a Pantomime, which is a stage play that involves the audience. Gabi and Archer played some sound instruments for one of the performances, and then there was a wizard show.

In our free time we went panning for gold, bought out the lolly shop, watched the blacksmith make fire pokers and much more.

At the costume school we had to dress up in costumes-"in costume, in character" was our motto. We learnt that children shall be seen but not heard. There were boys games and girls games. Girls had to get married at the age 13. The girls always got to enter places before the boys.

The sound and light show was amazing. It was about the big bang theory (and how gold was formed), the dreamtime creation story and the events leading up to the Eureka Rebellion and the birth of Australian Democracy.

Child Safety- Seatbelt Safety

We have been informed that some students are not wearing their seatbelts when travelling on the buses. We urge all students to please stay seated with belts on for their safety and those round them. Wearing seatbelts correctly has a direct positive impact on the following:

- Increased Safety in Crashes
- Prevention of Ejection
- Reduction of Impact Injuries
- Improved Passenger Behaviour

Little Desert Athletics

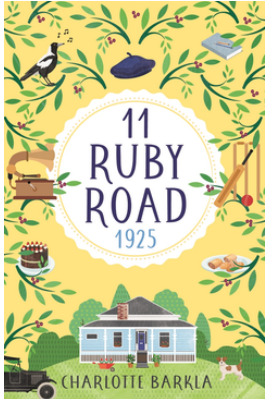
What a fabulous day we had at the Athletics. We had worked hard in PE on our skills for the 6 weeks prior, including having Little Aths Victoria come out and help us with our basic skills and high jump. This, combined with the participation in the Edenhope Little Aths, gave us a great advantage. St Malachy's won the competition!! Congratulations to the following 16 students who qualified for the Little Desert Track & Field competition in Stawell (that's our largest ever number of qualifiers!): Gabi(200m & relay), Airlie(Long jump & triple jump) Scarlett(discus & shotput), Maggie(high jump & long jump), Maddie(high jump), Milly(Long jump, triple jump & relay), Lily(triple jump & discus), Felix(high jump & discus), Sam(100m, 200m & relay), Archer(100m, 200, & relay), John(Shot put & relay), Lizzie(High jump), Rhianna(discus & shotput), James(Discus), Markus(100m, 200m & relay) & Lucius (1500m & discus). Best of luck!

Art:

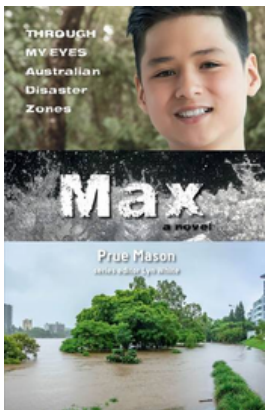
I'm sure you noticed your children coming home looking a little different on Wednesday. We have been looking into Ecuadorian body paint in art so we practiced their techniques using traditional face paint and markings. All students thoroughly enjoyed the experience!

New Library Books

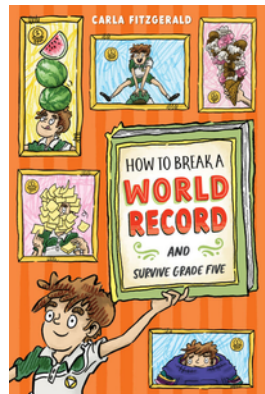
This week, we have had new books arrive for our library. We are really fortunate to have a very well resourced library at our finger tips. New books arrive twice per term ensuring we always have something new for every reader. Below is a snapshot of the novels that have just landed. We'll share the picture books another day. Which book will you borrow first?



It is 1925 and Bert Mueller and his German-Australian family have moved from Ipswich to their new house at 11 Ruby Road. Bert's father has been deported to Germany after the Great War, and with Dad still absent, Bert is unsure about moving away. But the city means opportunity and jobs for his mother and older siblings. And for the grown-ups, it also means fun - dressing up, going out, and all that jazz. Bert loves jazz too, but he's too young for the clubs, and instead his time is spent at his new school where the kids play cricket, not music.



A suspenseful story of survival and resilience. When an unexpected rain bomb hits south-east Queensland in late summer, an unprecedented disaster engulfs the city of Brisbane. Nothing can prepare Max and his family for the devastating flood as neighbours struggle to help each other survive. When floodwaters rise, homes are submerged and his newfound friend Trent goes missing, Max must face the greatest challenge of his life.



What world record would you like to break? The biggest slice of cake eaten in one go? The highest trampoline bounce? The most socks put on one foot? This hilarious middle-grade novel from the author of How to Be Prime Minister and Survive Grade Five is perfect for fans of Nat Amore and Tim Harris.



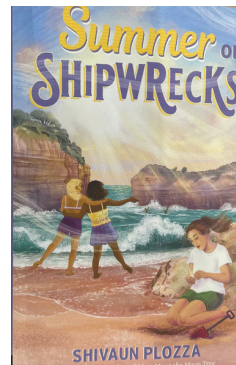
The Audition, the first book in actor Penny McNamee's Stage Star series, introduces us to Millie Von Trapp, an enthusiastic but lonely Year 6 student whose immediate family are all surf-mad, with no appreciation for Millie's musical theatre adoration (fortunately, her doting grandma, once a star herself, understands her passion). Millie happens upon a poster advertising a local youth theatre club and persuades her parents to let her audition. When she is cast in the ensemble, her summer opens into a wonderful realm of possibility as Millie finds 'her people' for the first time, fitting into the welcoming theatrical community where her ADHD and 'too much' exuberance are no longer challenges.



Small Acts introduces two kids with great hearts who know that helping others can start with one small act of kindness. Josh has a plan to start with just that. So does Ollie. What Josh and Ollie don't know yet is that they need each other to make their plans work.



Luna rides a battered old broom that keeps crashing itself into the school pond. She has a witch's hat and wand and sometimes she's quite good at magic, but she isn't completely sure that she's a real witch. She doesn't have a familiar for one thing, and she doesn't know where she came from—only that she was found by three witches who she now calls her aunts. When she swaps her moonstone ring for an Australian boobook owl in the Lost Forest, the mysterious bird seller makes her promise to keep the bird hidden for as long as she can.



Award-winning children's author Shivaun Plozza's Summer of Shipwrecks is a vividly real, heartfelt middle-grade novel that explores the capriciousness of tween friendship. Sidney has been waiting all year for her family's annual caravanning trip to the Shipwreck Coast, where she will see long-distance best friend Lou. Although Lou hasn't always replied to Sid's texts this year, Sid is certain they will pick up from where they left off, hunting for the lost treasure of the 1879 Penlee shipwreck and playing pirates at Katherine Cove. But Lou has brought along her new friend Hailey, a self-centred 'cool' girl who is unwilling to share Lou.

Student PROFILE OF THE WEEK

Favourite book:
Runt

If I could travel anywhere I would go to:
New South Whales

When I grow up I want to:
Nurse


If I was Prime Minister I would:
make an extra day in the weekend

My teacher always says:
have a growth mindset

Mr O says...

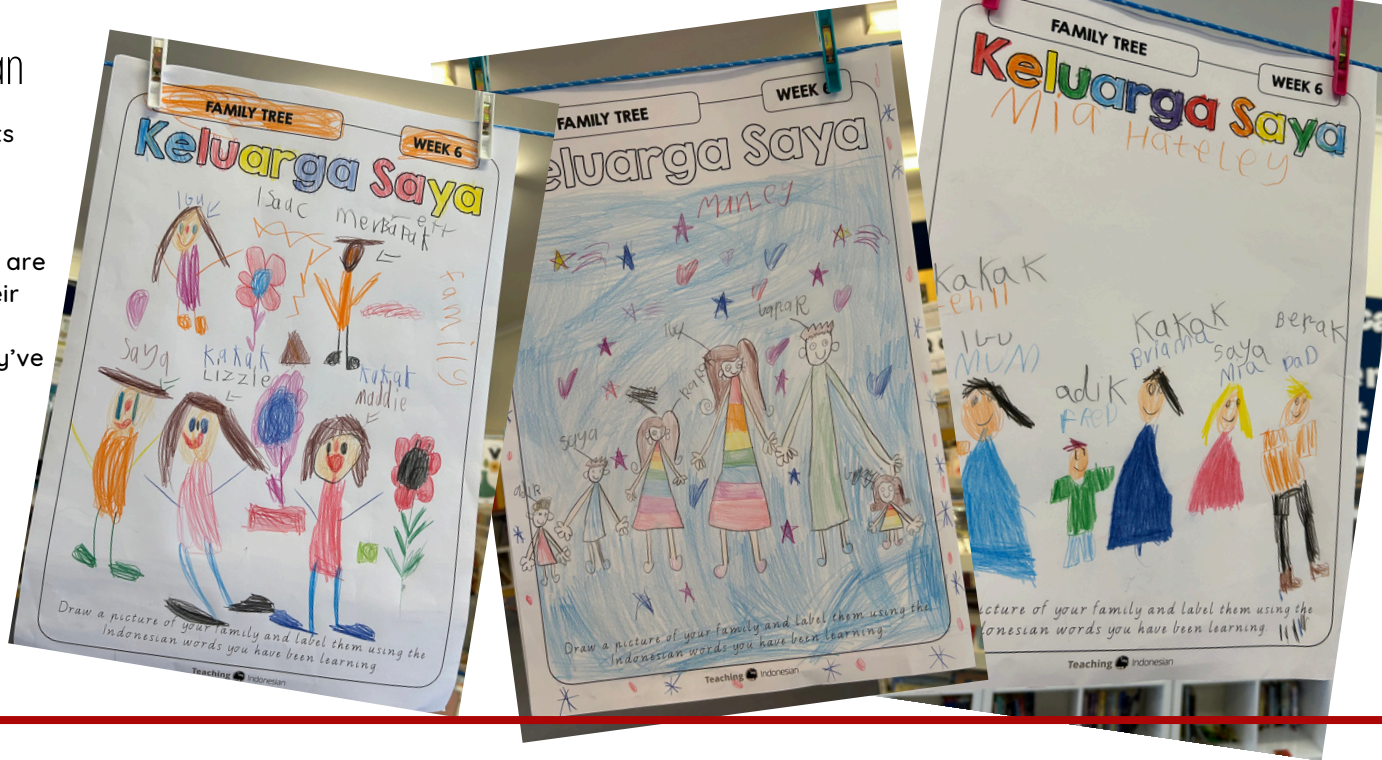
"Sarah's smile outshines the sun, and she eagerly seizes every opportunity to help others. Her loyalty is as steadfast as an elephant's, and her sharp math skills and problem-solving mindset make her an invaluable asset to any team!"

Sarah Holland



Indonesian

The students have been working on their family trees. Here are some of their fantastic posters they've finished.



F-1 Class

We have been exploring chemical science this term. Check out our Lemon volcanoes! In Literacy we have learned to play Boggle to put our phonics into action. We have added one here for you to try. How many words can you find? Our class record is 38! Bonus self gratification if you can find the 9 letter word.

