

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

St Malachy's School



Term 4 Calendar

October – Mission Month

Tuesday, 15th: Mum's Cuppa @ 8.30 a.m.

Wednesday, 16th: S.A.C. meeting @ 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 23rd: Little Desert Cricket 8's @ Horsham

Wednesday, 23rd: Year 3-6 Parent Cyber Safety Workshop @ Apsley

Thursday, 24th: Student Cyber Safety Workshops @ Apsley

Friday, 25th: World Teachers' Day

Friday, 25th: School Working Bee – 3.30-5. p.m.

Monday, 28th & Tuesday, 29th: Western Trinity P.D. – SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

November

Tuesday, 5th: Melbourne Cup – SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Monday, 11th: Remembrance Day

Monday, 11th: Blessing of the Animals @ 9.15 a.m.

Tuesday, 12th: Art Show & Mission Day drive through & car wash fundraiser

Thursday, 28th: Years F-2 Excursion/Sleepover

December

Friday, 6th: Reports go home

Monday, 9th: Swimming program begins

Tuesday, 10th: Orientation Day Years F-6

Wednesday, 11th: Graduation Mass & Gathering @ 5 p.m.

Friday, 13th: Students finish school

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a chance to rest, recharge and enjoy some downtime over the break. As we head into our final term together, I'm excited for what's to come and the warmer weather that spring brings!

We have a busy but fun term ahead, filled with exciting learning opportunities and special events! Let's make the most of these last weeks of the school year, working together to finish strong and celebrate all we've achieved.

The School Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, 16th October at 7:30 p.m. in the staffroom.

Updates on Maintenance: Nelson's Tree Services are booked for late October to trim trees in the bush block. We currently pay someone to mow the lawns but are struggling to keep up with the spring growth.

At next week's S.A.C. meeting, the main agenda item will be how we can best move forward with our school grounds.

Thank you for your support and best regards,

- John



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Principal: John O'Sullivan

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
President: Chris White

Year 3/4 Class

Welcome back to our final term. It is going to be a busy one! Literacy will see us focus on transactional and persuasive writing while we read the Ranger's Apprentice as our class novel. This links perfectly with civics and citizenship which will see us study medieval and current government systems. In Numeracy, we will be looking at money, measurement, and filling any gaps from our PAT testing which is coming up in a few weeks. Religion's theme this term, is dignity and should lead to some very interesting discussions. In Health, you should all have received a letter outlining our relationships and sexuality topics which we have already started. Please feel free to come forward with any questions around these themes. Keep an eye on the newsletter as Term 4 is always filled with lots of great extra curricular events and activities.

Child Safety

Scape and Play maintenance team replaced parts of our playground on Wednesday which was picked up in a recent audit.



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.

Year 5/6 Class

Not too nostalgic too early, but the last Term 4 of primary school for the Year 6s has begun (on the other hand, the last term before year 5s can 'rule the school!'). This term, we are covering the following areas:

Mathematics – Our topics include measurement, geometry and problem solving (the big four operations)

Literacy – We are reading "Are you there, God? It's me Margaret" by Judy Blume, with our writing focussing on strong paragraph structure, direct quoting from texts to support ideas and narratives.

Inquiry – We are focussing on Civics & Citizenship and we will delve into the Australian Parliament, discover what Democracy really means and explore our role of citizens.

Religious Education – Students will explore what Dignity means, how we can act in a dignified manner and treat others with dignity.

Science – Biology is our theme which includes learning about the Human Body and its amazing systems, delve into genetics and discover how natural selection impacts ecosystems.

P.E. & Health – This term, we will be learning how to play cricket, tennis and finish with water safety and survival. In Health, we will be looking at relationships and sexuality. This term, will also see us hold our Mission Day which will include an Art Exhibit, activities for students, a drive through lunch and car wash. We will also be celebrating the amazing contribution that our Year 6 students have made in their time at St. Malachy's.

School Working Bee

We've scheduled a school "Working Bee" for Friday, 25th October from 3:30–5:00 p.m.

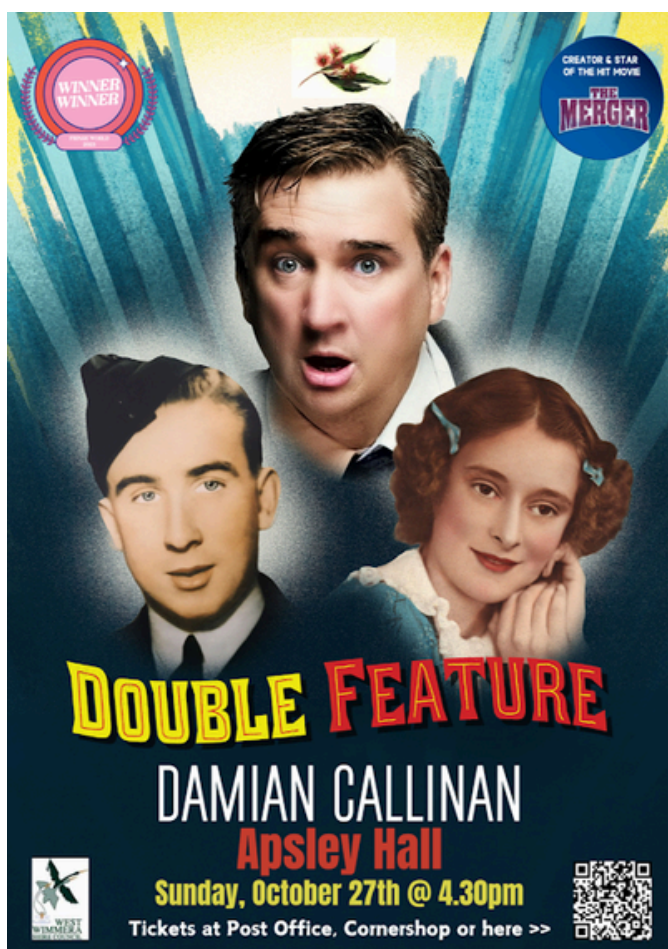
I will co-ordinate a list of garden tasks. If you could text the school with your availability, that would be wonderful! The response for past working bees has been fantastic, saving us thousands of dollars each year while bringing our community together.



Mum's Cuppa



Term 4 already and time to put the kettle on and catch up on our school holidays news and happenings. Cake and mugs will be on the table next Tuesday, 15th October @ 8.30 a.m. Remember, we can get busy and it's okay if you can't make it; there'll be other cuppas and times.



<p>► OPENING TIMES 9am to 5pm</p>	<p>► LOCATION 127 Gordon street Naracoorte</p>
<p>► REFRESHMENTS Tea, coffee and light snacks available for purchase</p>	<p>► PARKING disabled parking at rear of shed street parking available</p>

► Including Classic Lego Favourites!

► **CONTACT US**
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Wednesday 23rd October @ Apsley Rec Reserve
7pm

Cyber Safety Parent & Community Information Session

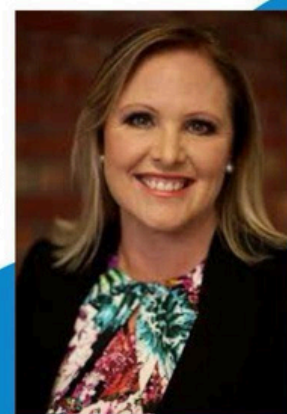
Apsley Primary School
with St Malachys PS and Edenhope College presents

Susan McLean

Australia's foremost expert in the area of cyber safety and was a member of Victoria Police for 27 years. Susan has a wealth of knowledge in this area and is also in demand internationally as a leading expert in online safety.

A must attend event for all

RSVP by 18/10/24
APS -55861231 or
apsley.ps@education.vic.gov.au
Tea / Coffee and Supper provided



UNPACKING MENOPAUSE

TUES 15 OCT

4-6PM

Join us for an afternoon tea to unpack menopause with Kirstin Bouse, founder of "All About Her" and a trailblazer in women's health and wellbeing.

Edenhope Community Centre

\$20p/p

RSVP: 13/10/2024

Carine - 0427 897 485

admin@beyourbestcounselling.com

Text or email any questions that you might want Kirstin to address to Carine by Sunday, 13 October 2024

School Closure Days – 28th–29th October

This term, our School Closure Days will be on Monday, 28th and Tuesday, 29th October.

All staff from the Western Trinity schools will be coming together for Professional Development looking at our Mission and Vision Statements and reflecting on the Catholic Culture in our schools.

Mini Vinnies – Term 4

- Fortnightly visits to Lakeside Living
- Co-ordinating Blessing of the Animals
- Co-ordinating obstacle course
- Mission Day activities
- Drive-through lunch
- Car wash



School Uniform

Could parents please check hats and school uniforms and make sure they are all labelled with your child/ren's name.

Hats – we have a “no hat, no play” policy and the children must remain in the shade if they don't have a hat. In the rush of wanting to get outside, students sometimes pick up any hat and that'll do and when the owner of the hat wants to put it on, it's no longer there. If your child does not have their own hat, they are available to purchase for \$10.

School uniform – with the warmer weather slowly arriving, off come the rugby tops and can be left lying around on the oval, on top of lockers, classrooms, etc. If all clothing is named, it's easier to return to the student. Again, sometimes a piece of clothing may arrive at your house that may belong to another student, please send it back in.