Term 4:: Week 2:: Friday, 18th October, 2024

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

St Malachy's School

Term 4 Calendar

October - Mission Month

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

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,

I hope this message finds you well. The term has begun positively, with students settling in and engaging in their studies.

We are keeping the Little and Hillyer families in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time, especially as we remember Michael Little, whose funeral took place today in Harrow.

I would like to encourage as many parents as possible to attend the Cyber Safety Workshop in Apsley on the 24th October. While we haven't encountered significant issues in this area at St. Malachy's, it's crucial to stay informed to ensure the safety of our students.

Additionally, please mark your calendars for our upcoming Working Bee on Friday, 25th October, from 3.30-5 p.m. The tasks will be light and manageable, and your help would be greatly appreciated! Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

-John

Prayer

We keep in our prayers and thoughts the Little/Hillyer families at this sad time.

O Lord, we call upon You in our time of sorrow, that You give us the strength and

will to bear our heavy burdens, until we can again feel the warmth and love of Your divine compassion. Be mindful of us and have mercy on us while we struggle to comprehend life's hardships. Amen.





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Indonesian news

In Term 3, the Year 5s and 6s learnt about places in towns and transport. To finish the unit off, the students wrote sentences about travelling from places in town using different transport. Here are some examples of their fantastic work.



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 3/4 Class

In Literacy this week, we have looked at the proposed new football club rooms. Here are our arguments for and against the change.

For

We want to upgrade the football club rooms because:

The new rooms would provide privacy for injured players and individual showers for players after the game. The new toilets are more accessible for the elderly and young children. A separate room for storage and umpires is needed. The old football clubroom is breaking down. The toilets don't work, it is not safe and you can see the floorboards through the carpet. With new clubrooms, we might get more people into the club which means we could have more money and upgrade other things. The netball rooms have working toilets and are newer so don't need an upgrade right now. As you can see, the clubrooms need this upgrade because the old rooms are ramshackle and the toilets don't work. The new design provides privacy, is inclusive and will bring money into the club.

Against

We don't think the football clubrooms should be built like the plans show because:

We think they will be very expensive for something that isn't inclusive and doesn't include the netballers. The design needs to be reworked to include everything. The netball courts could have used some of the money as the lines are faint and they are cracked and uneven. Some of the money they are spending belongs to the town and we would have liked a say. The new rooms are smaller than the old rooms. As you can see the proposed plan does not include the whole club, does not take into account the town's wants and is a lot of money for something which could have been done more fairly.

Mum's Cuppa

Wednesday, 31st October @ 2.10 p.m.



Regional Athletics

On Friday 11th October, Milly and Airlie participated in the Regional Athletics Competition, held in Ballarat.

It was a wonderful opportunity for both students to compete at a high level.

Airlie competed in the Long Jump and placed 12th overall; Milly competed in Long Jump finishing 7th overall with a jump of 3.39m and Triple jump finishing 3rd with a jump of 7.6m.

Congratulations on a wonderful effort!



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.

2025 School Fees

The School fees have had a slight increase for the 2025 year and are as follows:

School Fees - \$1410 per family

These are set to meet the Local Contribution. Please note this is a family fee and is not payable for each individual student. Fees can be paid on a fortnightly, term or annual basis. This fee is payable for 42 weeks.

School Fees can be paid as follows:

\$33.57 per week (42 weeks)

\$352.50 per term (4 terms)

\$1410 per annum

Student Fees - \$360

This covers the cost of:

- · your child's books and stationery
- · class texts and subject levies
- photocopying
- sporting activities
- cultural performances

School Camps

Each class participates in a school camp or special day excursion and school sleepover for the younger students. Expenses for these are kept to a minimum and are the only additional costs on top of the normal school fees and capital levy.

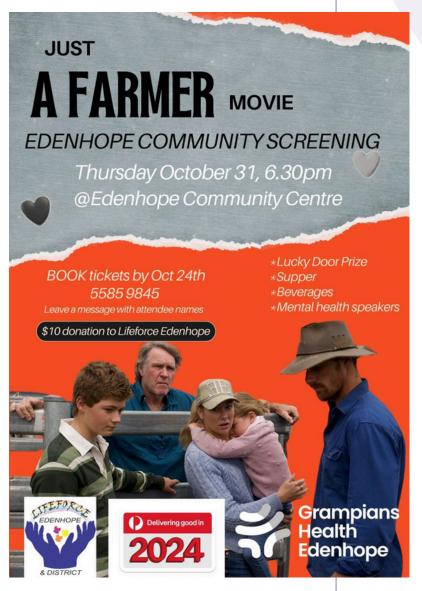
Family Fee Assistance Scheme

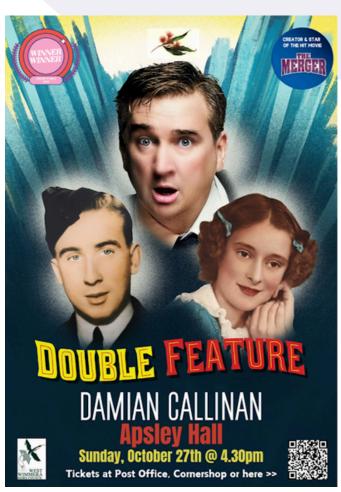
Families who have a Health Care Card may be eligible for the Family Fee Assistance Scheme. Family Fee Assistance supports families with the payment of their school fees and you will receive a fee credit between the actual 2025 school fees and the required payment of \$520 per year. It does not cover additional charges such as camps, sports and excursions and books and stationery fees.

Capital Levy - \$195 per family

This is also a family fee and is not payable for each individual child. This fee equates to \$3.75 per week payable for 52 weeks.

Please note that St. Malachy's School will not exclude families on the basis of inability to meet the financial cost of fees.





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.

RSVP by 18/10/24
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tea / Coffee and Supper provided

