

St Malachy's School



Term 4 Calendar

December

Friday, 13th: Reports go home

Wednesday, 18th: School finishes @ 3.20 p.m.

January 2025

Wednesday, 29th: School resumes

The Third Week of Advent is the week of Joy.

This verse is from the story of Jesus' birth. The angels appeared to the shepherds in the fields nearby to announce that a baby had been born in a manger.



Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Our Thanksgiving/Graduation Mass on Wednesday night was a joyous occasion. The students made all of us proud the way they were involved in the planning and participation. Thank you to everyone involved in the planning of the Mass and for the students' involvement.

Award Winners:

Spirit of St. Malachy's Award: Henry Flynn

St. Vincent de Paul Award: Finlay Rich

Apsley Church Community Involvement Award: Scarlett King

Norman Family Academic Award: Airlie Doelle

Congratulations to all four students for your fine achievements this year!

Our Mass was an opportunity to farewell two of our leaving families. Farewell and thank you to Emma and David Bourne and Anne-Maree and Neville Robinson for your involvement and support of St. Malachy's School in your seven years here. Your support over the past seven years has been greatly appreciated. Farewell to staff member, Ms. Cara Watt, for your dedicated four years at St. Malachy's. Cara was able to bring new ideas and passion for learning to her classes whilst she was here. Best wishes with your move to St. Joseph's in Penshurst Cara. We also farewelled Molly Payne, who has been a great support in the Foundation/Year 1 class this year. Molly's bright personality and love of the students she works with, will be missed. Molly is heading to Australian Catholic University (A.C.U.) in Ballarat next year, to study Education Studies. Molly's GAP year in the junior class will stand her in good stead for her studies.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and families for your support throughout 2024. Thank you for supporting your children's education journey and trusting your children in our hands each day at school.

We look forward to working with you again in 2025 and welcoming our new families. School resumes for staff on Tuesday, 28th January and all students from F-6 on Wednesday, 29th January.

Enjoy the Christmas Season everyone and stay safe and well.

Warm regards,

-John



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Principal: John O'Sullivan

"Preach the Gospel at all times and if necessary, use words." This quote is popularly attributed to St. Francis of Assisi.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
President: Chris White

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.



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.

Prayer

Dear Lord,
As my family sets out on our journey over the holidays, I place our travels into Your loving hands. Please surround us with Your protection and keep us safe on the road and throughout our trip. Guide us through each kilometre and help us to arrive at our destination without harm. Amen.



Staffing 2025 update

With a severe shortage of teachers in country areas, extensive advertising continues for classroom teachers for 2025. We are very fortunate that Gabi and Rosina will still be with us in Term 1 whilst we continue the search for 2 teachers to fill the classroom teacher and Intervention/ Boost teacher roles.

We welcome Mrs. Cassandra Stringer to St. Malachy's staff in 2025 as the new Year 1/2 teacher.

Our teachers and their classrooms for 2025 are:

Foundation (9 students):

Mrs. Gorgia Craig

Year 1/2 (19 students):

Mrs. Cassandra Stringer with Mrs. Gabi Chadwick supporting (first term)

Year 3/4 (19 students):

Mrs. Rosina Thomson (first term)

Year 5/6 (17 students):

Ms. Sherryn Simpson



SchoolTV



Australian Citizenship Awards



Congratulations to Ella and her parents, Jeandamar and Ricardo, on becoming Australian citizens at a ceremony held Wednesday morning. They are pictured with West Wimmera Shire Mayor, Cr. Tim Meyer and some of Ella's classmates.



2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers
Geelong, VIC

Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register

Free workshop

This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.

Tuesday & Wednesday
18 & 19 February, 2025
9:30am - 2:30pm

Rydges Geelong
Cnr Gheringhap & Myers Street
GEELONG VIC 3220

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided

Interpreters available upon request

For more information or to register visit:
<https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC>
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During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

0461 324 758

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2024 Graduation Mass

What a fantastic night of celebration with St. Malachy's Church full of students, staff, families, friends and the wider community. We all look forward to this night where the students shine their brightest and they take care of the whole evening.

The beautiful Irish Blessing brings a tear to many eyes as we watch the Year 6's with the Foundation students followed by the rest of the school joining in.

To finish off the evening, we enjoyed a light supper outside the Church supplied by Kings Katering.



2024 Graduation Mass



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CHRISTMAS

