

# St Malachy's School



## A prayer

As we enter the Lenten season, we recognise our need to pray each day for peace, reconciliation and healing, and for an end to violence in our world.

We pray for volunteers of every kind around the world, in this Jubilee Year of Hope, may their service to others yield a rich harvest of love, healing and cohesion.

Lord hear us.

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy and exciting week at St Malachy's!

Our Year 3/4 students had a fantastic time at Grampians Retreat last week, where they embraced the great outdoors, challenged themselves, and created wonderful memories together. A huge thank you to our staff for making this such a special experience.

Behind the scenes, preparations have been in full swing for our Annual Financial Audit. Our Business Manager, Barb, has been working tirelessly to ensure everything is in order, and we truly appreciate the dedication that goes into this important process.

Looking ahead, we will be farewelling Gabi and Rosina at the end of next week as they take time out for Family Leave. We wish them both good health and happiness as they prepare for the arrival of their little ones!

Finally, our last swimming session is this Friday – fingers crossed for good weather!

Congratulations to Rhianna and Madeline McClure and Lizzie Merrett on their success in the pool yesterday at the Greater Western Swim Carnival. All 3 girls represented St. Malachy's very well.

-John

## Term 1 Calendar

### April:

**Wednesday, 2nd:** Mum's cuppa @ 8.30 a.m.

**Friday, 4th:** Term 1 ends - 2.15 p.m. finish

**Monday, 28th:** Term 2 begins

## Lunch orders – 3rd April

Next week's lunch orders will be delivered on **Thursday, 3rd April** instead of Friday, 4th April. Send your orders direct to Alex.



## Pupil Free Days 2025

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar as Pupil Free days.

**These upcoming school holidays will be 3 weeks long instead of 2 weeks as staff have 3 P.D.s to attend in the week following Easter.**

- Tuesday, 22nd April
- Wednesday, 23rd April
- Thursday, 24th April
- Friday, 25th April: ANZAC Day
- Wednesday, 14th May
- Monday, 3rd November



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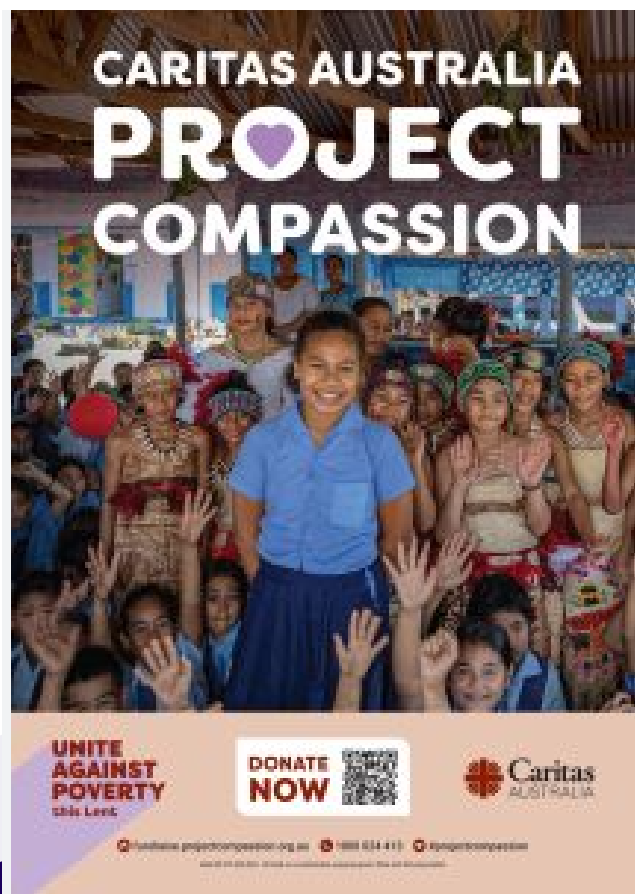
Principal: John O'Sullivan

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
President: Chris White

# Project Compassion 2025

This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Families have had the chance to collect a Project Compassion box last week, there are some still available at the office if you would like one at home. There is also a Project Compassion box in each classroom if students have some money they would like to donate. This is an opportunity to collect change for those less fortunate around the world. The money will be sent to Caritas Australia for use in their projects. Some of these projects will be highlighted on the newsletter in coming weeks. Your generous support this Lenten season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges. Together, through faith and action, we can bring compassion and opportunity to those most in need. Thanks for your support.



**CARITAS AUSTRALIA**  
**PROJECT COMPASSION**

**UNITE AGAINST POVERTY**  
this Lent

**DONATE NOW**

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[www.caritasaustralia.org.au](https://www.caritasaustralia.org.au) | 1800 634 411 | #projectcompassion

## 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.

## 2025 School Advisory Council

This year, we welcome 2 new members, Sarah Ferguson and Tara Rich to our School Advisory Council. I would like to thank Sarah and Tara for volunteering to support our school in this role. Our 2025 S.A.C. Members are President: Chris White, Damian Merrett, Mark McClure, Warren Holland, Sarah Ferguson and Tara Rich.

Our next S.A.C. meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 29th April, at 7:30 PM.

The School Advisory Council is intended to:

- provide a voice for members of the school community
- actively support, in collaboration with the local parish, the Vision and Catholic Identity of the School
- provide input into and support for strategic planning and directions
- actively support and promote child safety practices including the National Safeguarding Principles for Child Safe Organisations
- provide input and contribute advice in the processes of school improvement and school review
- support the Principal in meeting his/her responsibilities and accountabilities for educational outcomes, effective stewardship of resources, and annual reporting
- actively support the Principal in the encouragement of family engagement
- support the ongoing sustainability of the S.A.C. and its members in its succession and learning



**SUBMISSIONS CLOSE**  
**END OF TERM 1**

## St Malachy's Cookbook

We are wanting to put together a St Malachy's cookbook! We are requesting recipes from families and community members before the end of Term 1 (4th of April), so we can collate the books and you can order them later in the year. The book will feature children's artworks.

We are requesting:

- Foundation Families: Snacks and Accompaniments
- Year 1/2 Families: Soups + Side dishes
- Year 3/4 Families: Main Dishes
- Year 5/6 Families: Desserts

**Questions:**

- Can I submit a recipe that is not assigned to my year level? Yes of course you can if it is a special dish!
- Can I submit a recipe if I am not a student but a community member? Definitely!
- Will all recipes be included? If we get double ups of the same recipe, we will not include both.
- Can I submit more than one recipe? Certainly!

**How to submit:**

Digital copies of recipes are preferred to assist in the editing process, however written and printed recipes are also accepted. Please either drop your recipe into the front office or attach your recipe to a message to the St Malachy's facebook page. Please ensure method and quantities of ingredients are clear.

**DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE YOUR FAMILY NAME IN THE RECIPE, YOU CAN EVEN RENAME YOUR DISH TO INCORPORATE YOUR NAME IN A CREATIVE WAY IF YOU WISH!**

# Year 3/4 Grampians camp

## **Harriett:**

**What was the best thing about camp?** It was meeting new people, making new friends, and the giant swing. I looked forward to sleeping with new people.

**What is something you learnt?** It's okay to be scared, and it's also okay to give it a go, because other people are too, and you don't feel like the only one.

**What was something hard?** Getting lots of people to listen to each other and share with each other because the groups were telling the teachers not each other.

## **Lucy:**

**What was the best thing about camp?** The Flying Fox. It was amazing because it was fast.

**What is something you learnt?** That my element is water because I was born in April 2016.

**What was something hard?** Climbing Piccaninny, my legs were going to fall off.

## **Charlie:**

**What was the best thing about camp?** The giant swing and the flying fox and you got to go two times on both

**What is something you learnt?** You can use leaves to get rid of flies. You rub the leaf on your skin and the flies don't land on you.

**What was something hard?** Climbing up and down the mountain

## **Matthew:**

**What was the best thing about camp?** I went second highest on the Giant swing in my group. I was afraid of the swing so was proud to go on it and go high.

**What is something you learnt?** My element is earth because I was born in 2015 in June.

**What was something hard?** Going to sleep because the other cabins were so noisy.

## **Stevie-Belle:**

**What was the best thing about camp?** The best thing about camp was the big swing because you can go as high as you want.

**What is something you learnt?** That my element is spirit.

**What was something hard?** Going on the flying fox.

## **Nellie:**

**What was the best thing about camp?** The giant swing because you could go very very high and have two turns.

**What is something you learnt?** If you went up the smoke hut which is a hollow tree when grown up's said not to you got a smack

**What was something hard?** The top bunks were soft and I felt like I was going to fall through to the bottom bunk so it was hard to go to sleep. When I woke up my sleeping bag was falling through onto Madeline T.

## **Harvey:**

**What was the best thing about camp?** It was the Flying fox because it was fast and fun.

**What is something you learnt?** The giant swing isn't scary because you can close your eyes.

**What was something hard?** It was the hike up Mount Piccaninny because it was slippery and high.

## **Ollie:**

**What was the best thing about camp?** The flying fox because it was high and I liked being up high.

**What is something you learnt:** In the olden days people used to smoke cows inside hollow trees and the kids used to hide inside the tree when the tree wasn't being used. If you got caught you got a smack.

**What was something hard?** Mount Piccaninny because it was slippery

## **Eddie:**

**What was the best thing about camp?** Probably the dinner because it was definitely the best spag-bol in the galaxy, the cheese was the tastiest shredded cheese in the world (our table ate a couple of strands before dinner was even served! and the cheese always tastes best by itself ).

**What is something you learnt?** I learnt that if you eat a corn flake you don't stop chewing unless you want to swallow it whole like I did.

**What was something hard?** Sleeping on the top bunk that I slept on because there was a bed at the ladder spot. I didn't want to step on their legs when I went to the dunny in the morning.

# Year 3/4 Grampians camp

## **Alora:**

**What was the best thing about camp?** The hike up Mount Piccaninny and the giant swing because it was really fun for everyone to let go of the rope and let you drop.

**What is something you learnt?** I learnt how you can make artworks just using leaves.

**What was something hard?** Tug of war and keeping 18 people on 1 log at the same time! My cabin was also loud so it was hard to sleep.

## **Codey/Munyasha:**

**What was the best thing about camp?** Munyasha's favourite thing at the camp was climbing Mt Sturgeon to the Piccaninny's. Codey's favourite thing at the camp was the giant swing.

**What is something you learnt?** Munyasha learnt that she is brave and can do things that are hard to do. Codey learnt that if you have a go at things, you find that you can do things you didn't think you could.

**What was something hard?** (Munyasha) It was hard work climbing the mountain, but I kept going until I made it to the top. (Codey) It was hard work climbing up the mountain and he had a sore back when he got to the top.

## **Roy:**

**What was the best thing about camp?** The flying fox and the big swing because the flying fox was very fast and the big swing because it went very high.

**What is something you learnt?** That you don't climb up trees when you're playing hide and seek.

**What was something hard?** To go to sleep because there was too much racket.

## **Madeline T:**

**What was the best thing about camp?** The giant swing because I went on it first.

**What is something you learnt?** That hiking is exercise because there's heaps of rocks.

**What was something hard?** I couldn't go to sleep because everyone kept chatting!

## **Esther:**

**What was the best thing about camp?** The hike up the mountain was the best part of camp because you got to see animals and you can see new plants and animals and you get a great view. Madi, Nellie and I had to hold onto each other because it had rained and the track was very slippery.

**What is something you learnt?** You can use Bull Ants for stitches by letting the ant bite you and then twisting the body off. The lady who taught us showed us a scar where she had used bull ants as stitches.

**What was something hard?** You had to get fourteen people on the tree stump for five seconds and you had to be able to do it in three seconds and you had three to five minutes to do it. Our group didn't manage. The record was twelve fully grown men for twenty minutes! But I don't know how.

## **Madi:**

**What was the best thing about camp?** The giant swing because it goes really really high and I love going really high. The whole group has to pull you up to as high as you want to go and I went as high as you can go. The next thing that was the best is climbing up Piccaninny, there was so many rocks that you can't even take a pram up. It rained when we climbed up, on the way down me, Esther and Nellie had to hold on to each other because the rocks were slippery and we almost fell over.

**What is something you learnt?** You can use Bullants for stitching wounds and cuts. And there is a hollow tree called a smokehouse tree

**What was something hard?** To get 14 people on a little stump all at the same time.

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## The John Drama

**A Theatre-in-the-Round Presentation of the Gospel of John**

**5th and 6th April - 2 weeks before Easter**

**Naracoorte Town Hall**

**Saturday, 7 p.m. - supper served**

**Sunday, 3 p.m. - afternoon tea served**

**A free event**

**A production of the 8 churches in Naracoorte**

**If you came last year, come again**

**and bring your family and friends.**



# St Malachy's School Last Supper

## Drive through Lunch Order



Monday 31st  
Open to the wider community  
Drive through pick up from the front gate (Lake Street) 1-2pm.

Savoury- \$5 each

- Beef Wrap**
- Vegetable Quiche + Salad**
- Pasta Carbonara**

Sweet- \$2 each

- Strawberry Cheesecake**
- Caramel Apple Dessert Cup**
- Oreo Cheesecake**



ORDER FORM ATTACHED

Please complete the order form and return it to the school with money included by Friday 28th  
Contact the school on 0428 913 777 or via Facebook to request additional order forms.

## St Malachy's Drive Through Lunches

**When: Monday, 31st March, 1-2 p.m.**

**Where: Collection from the front of St Malachy's School (Lake Street)**

**Order and try our great lunch choices!**

### Savoury

**Pasta carbonara \$5 :: Vegetable Quiche + Salad \$5 :: Savoury Beef Wrap \$5**

### Sweets

**Strawberry Cheesecake \$2 :: Caramel Apple Dessert Cup \$2 :: Oreo Cheesecake \$2**

Please note order forms must be returned to St Malachy's School by Friday, 28th March! Full payment must be included with the order form.

\*This is not a lunch order option for students and is available to community members.

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