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# Volume 4.5 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear School Community,

Social Justice is the theme of Term 4 and our staff and students have been working on a variety of different projects that raise awareness and support communities and individuals in need. We always try to have a global and local focus. Our Global Focus with Crazy Sock Day last Friday was on families affected by famine in Zambia. Our local focus for our forthcoming Mission Day Stalls, on Friday 14th November, is Cottage by the Sea, right here in Queenscliff. Cottage by the Sea has been a charity for children since 1890. Their professional programs receive no government funding and rely solely on the generosity of donations. Their mission is to enhance the lives of more children by providing inspiration, fun and opportunity within a holiday environment.



Our Grade 6 students will be running stalls in the school yard on the morning of Friday 14th November. Students are encouraged to bring gold and silver coins along on the day to visit the stalls and participate in the fun activities that the Grade 6's have prepared. Families are also encouraged to donate items on the lists below for us to give to Cottage by the Sea. There will be a box at the top end of the school corridor for people to place their donations until after Mission Day is done on 14th November. We look forward to putting our gospel values into action to support this local charity. There will also be a Hot Dog lunch provided by the P&F.

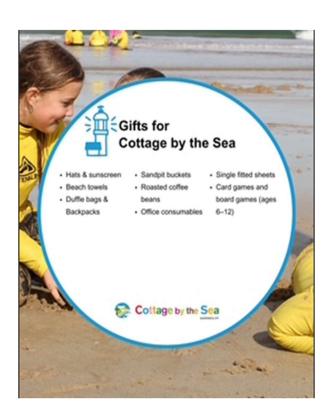






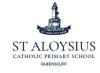












#### Parent Information Sessions with the CASEA Program!

We're pleased to share that the Barwon Health, Children's Mental Health and Schools Early Action (CASEA) program will be running another parent information session at St Aloysius this term. The CASEA program is run by a team of child mental health clinicians, with clinical backgrounds in Occupational Therapy, Psychology, Social Work and Play Therapy. The CASEA team focuses on supporting children's social, emotional and behavioural development and wellbeing. We are inviting all parents and carers to attend the upcoming information session at school:

• Thursday, 13th November, 6:00–7:00pm: <u>Understanding Anxiety</u>
Learn about children's anxiety and practical ways to support your child through anxious moments.

The session will offer a relaxed and welcoming space where you can come along, ask questions and learn strategies to support your child's wellbeing. The CASEA team will also share where you can access ongoing support for your child if this is something you think your family may benefit from.

### Wellbeing - Encouraging Independence at Home and School

Over the next four weeks in our wellbeing lessons, we will be focusing on **building independence** and responsible decision-making. Students will be learning practical ways to take responsibility for themselves, set goals, and reflect on their choices. To support this learning at home, here are a few simple tips for encouraging independence in everyday routines:

- Carry their own school bag Encourage your child to pack and carry their bag each day. This builds responsibility and helps them prepare for the day ahead.
- ✓ Look after belongings Support your child to keep track of their things (hats, lunchboxes, jumpers, water bottles) by setting simple routines like returning items to the same spot.
- ✓ Make simple choices Give your child safe opportunities to make decisions, such as choosing between two healthy snacks or picking which book to read before bed.
- Set small goals Work with your child to set achievable goals (e.g., remembering their library book each week) and celebrate their efforts along the way.
- Encourage problem-solving When challenges come up, guide your child to think of possible solutions rather than stepping in straight away.

With gentle encouragement, children learn that they are capable, responsible, and ready to take on new challenges!





## **Christmas Tree Sales**

Christmas Trees big and small are up for sale through our P&F again this year. All proceeds from the sale of our trees goes towards our fundraising for our oval and playground redevelopments that are planned for 2026. All details for ordering and delivery are below.

St Aloysius Christmas Trees are back for 2025!!

### **A A A A A A A A A A A A A**

We are now taking orders for pickup or delivery on Saturday December 6th 2025. We will not have extra trees for sale on the day, so to ensure that you don't miss out, please click the link below to order:

#### https://www.trybooking.com/DGRNI

Orders will close on Wednesday 3rd December 2025.

Delivery will be in the afternoon from approximately 1pm. Pickup will be from the Bethune Street side of the school from 1.30pm-2.30pm.

This year we have been able to source two sizes of trees. The medium size will be 5.5-6.5ft and the large size tree will be 7.5ft+.

- Medium Tree \$85
- Large Tree. \$120
- Delivery (to 3225 only) \$10
- Medium Stand \$60
- Large Stand. \$70

We are so grateful for your support of our little school in previous years and hope to see your happy faces again on December 6th when you pick up your Xmas tree (or when we drop it off to you ).

Our funds raised from this year's sales will be put to transforming St A's oval, with all new irrigation, soil and turf. This will benefit our school community for so many years to come.

'Tis the season to be jolly.... 👌 📆 👌



Miriam Leahy Principal







KEY DATES		
Term 4		
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Day	Grade 5 Leadership Nomination Speeches	2:00pm – CLS
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Grade 3H Assembly CASEA Parent & Carer Information Session	2:45 – 3:15pm – CLS 6:00-7:00 pm at school
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Mission Day Stalls – gold coin donations P&F hot dogs – lunch District Swimming Carnival	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	School Athletics Day	9:15 -12pm – Queenscliff Oval
Monday 24th - Friday 28th November	Gr Prep - 4 Swimming Lessons	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Grade 3S Assembly	2:45 – 3:15pm - CLS
Friday 28th November	Gr 5 / 6 Surf Life Saving Day	8:30am – 3:00 pm Anglesea
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	School Concert, Presentation & Grade 6 Awards	Dress Rehearsal 9:00am-12:00 Concert 5:00 – 7:00 pm Queenscliff Town Hall
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Grade 6 - Transition to Year 7 Day Level Up Day	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	P & F Pt Lonsdale Bowling Club Catering	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	School Disco	(at school 2:00pm – 3:00pm)
Tuesday 16th December	Gr 6 Graduation Mass	11:45am – 1:00pm Holy Trinity
	Last Day Term 4	3:20pm finish
Term 1 2026		
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	School Closure Day	School Closure Day
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	School Closure Day	School Closure Day
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	First day of school for all students (half day for Preps)	First day of school for all students (half day for Preps)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Second day of school for all students (half day for Preps)	Second day of school for all students (half day for Preps)





