



Volume 2.3

Friday 9 May 2025

Dear School Community,

It is with joy and hope we celebrate the announcement of our new Pope Leo XIV. His first words as Pope ring true with our mission here at St Aloysius

“Together, we must try to find out how to be a missionary church, a church that builds bridges, establishes dialogue, that’s always open to receive — like on this piazza with open arms — to be able to receive everybody that needs our charity, our presence, dialogue and love,” Pope Leo XIV

We pray that Pope Leo will continue the legacy of Pope Francis in his mission for peace and compassion.

It was certainly a joyful end to the week for our school community. The weekly Breakfast Club, established by our Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader, Natalie Collis has been a hit! This Club gives all students and families the opportunity to connect, share and check in with each other at the end of each week. Huge thanks to the parents and staff who have jumped in to help each week. Breakfast Club is just one offering that our staff provide at ST Aloysius. Everyday a different teacher runs a lunchtime club.

- Monday Lunchtime - Mr O’Brien runs Lego Club
- Tuesday Lunchtime - Mrs Piasente runs Card Club
- Wednesday Lunchtime - Miss P runs Calm Club
- Thursday Lunchtime - Mrs Ritchie runs Library Club and Mrs Henry & Mrs Collis run MineCraft Club
- Friday Lunchtime - Mrs Martison runs Gardening club

These clubs aren’t just about the activities. They provide children with opportunities to mix with like-minded peers of all ages and be guided by a trusted adult in the way they socialise and play and interact with their peers. This is in addition to the 3 staff who are on yard duty at every break. I am very grateful to our dedicated staff who provide these opportunities daily.



Many thanks to our P&F and group of parent volunteers who planned, donated and ran the Mother's Day Stall today. It's a lovely opportunity for our children to show their gratitude to their Mum's and Grandmothers. Massive thanks to Casey Close for her preparation and organisation and to the other parents who helped the kids with their choices and mental maths this morning! Congratulations to Rosie C, Annabelle A, Emily M, Bodhi C and Oliver L who won the lucky draw and received an extra special gift for their mums!



I'm also very grateful to our LSO Mrs Corbett who has restocked the sand pit with new toys. At recess this morning I was served apple pie by Grace, chips from Gordon and offered a "coffee for the road" from Sophie. They were planning on building a drive through for lunch time - can't wait!

Miriam Leahy
Principal



3/4 STEAM Project Finale with Naomi from Bellarine Catchment Network



On Monday 31st April, our Grade 3/4 students wrapped up their term-long STEAM project with a meaningful excursion led by Naomi from the Bellarine Catchment Network. It was a powerful culmination to a unit that combined creativity, environmental science, community engagement, and action.

This term, our school-wide focus was *community*, and our 3/4 students explored how design thinking could be used to address local issues. Their investigation led them to the popular Point Lonsdale pump track—known locally as the “Humps and Bumps.” They discovered that while the track provided a fun space for riders, it was causing significant damage to a sensitive and threatened ecosystem. Rather than seeing this as a problem with one simple solution, students recognised a need for balance: protecting the environment *and* supporting community recreation.

Throughout the term, students engaged in hands-on learning, including a visit from a local council engineer currently working on a new bike track proposal. This inspired students to create their own environmentally sensitive bike track designs using papier-mâché and other materials, showing how sustainable thinking and creativity can go hand-in-hand.

The final stage of the project took place at the Humps and Bumps site itself, where students worked alongside Naomi to help restore the health of the local habitat. In an extraordinary effort, they planted **250 indigenous trees and shrubs**, contributing to the recovery of this threatened area.

The Humps and Bumps site is part of the **Coastal Moonah Woodland**, home to rare and endangered plants and animals, including Moonah trees, Swamp Wallabies, native bees, and Superb Fairywrens. The students learned how damaging this habitat affects a delicate web of life that cannot always be repaired.

The area also holds deep cultural significance for the **Wadawurrung People**, with important stories, traditional plant use, and ancient middens found throughout the landscape. Students reflected on their role in caring for Country and the importance of listening to Indigenous knowledge.

This project beautifully combined science, sustainability, Indigenous perspectives, and design thinking. Thank you to Naomi, the Bellarine Catchment Network, and the local council for supporting our students to be curious, thoughtful, and active citizens.



Our first Minecraft club was a huge success with grade 3-4s attending.

We went through the expectations.

- modelled the login extension
- watched a video on the commands and movement keys

Next week we attempt to login into the platform to explore and practice building.

KEY DATES		
Term 2		
Friday 9 th May	Breakfast Club	8:10 – 8:35am
Wednesday 14 th May	Assembly – Grade 3H	2:45pm – 3:15pm
Friday 23 rd May	Gr 6 Confirmation Preparation Day	8:45am - 3pm - Santa Casa
Monday 26 th May	Assembly – Grade 3S	2:45pm – 3:15pm
Wednesday 28 th May	School Photos	
Saturday 31 st May	Gr 6 Confirmation	2pm - 3pm - Holy Trinity
Monday 2 nd June	Assembly – Prep	2:45pm – 3:15pm
Monday 9 th June	Kings Birthday public holiday	
Friday 13 th June	Assembly – Grade 1	2:45pm – 3:15pm
Friday 4 th July	Last Day Term 2	3:20pm finish
Term 3		
Monday 21 st July	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning Day - Student Free Day	Student Free Day
Tuesday 22 nd July	First Day Term 3	
Sunday 3 rd August	First Eucharist Mass Gr 4	11am - 12pm - Holy Trinity
Wed 6 th – Fri 8 th August	Grade 5 / 6 Camp	The Ranch – Cape Schanck
Monday 11 August	Gr 4 - 6 District Athletics	
Tuesday 2 nd September	Gr 5 / 6 District Basketball	
Friday 19 th September	Last Day Term 3	3:20pm finish
Term 4		
Monday 6 th October	First Day Term 4	
Monday 3 rd November	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning - Stude Free	
Tuesday 4 th November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	
Wednesday 19 th November	School Athletics Day	9:15 -12pm – Queenscliff Oval
Monday 24 th - Friday 28 th November	Gr Prep - 4 Swimming Lessons	
Friday 28 th November	Gr 5 / 6 Surf Life Saving Day	Anglesea
Tuesday 16 th December	Gr 6 Graduation Mass	11:45am - 12:24pm Holy Trinity
	Last Day Term 4	3:20pm finish

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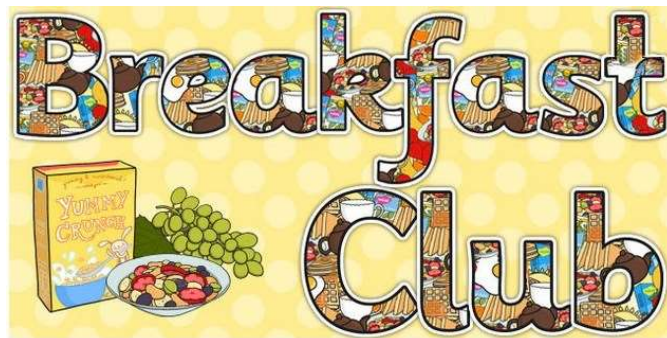
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Friday mornings outside the contemporary learning space (CLS)

8:10am until 8:35am

Toast with vegemite or jam, Weetbix or Cornflakes

A great opportunity to have breakfast with friends

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LITERARY FESTIVAL

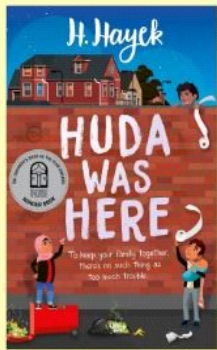
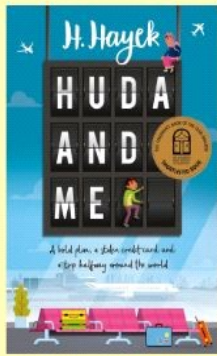
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SCHOOLS PROGRAM PRESENTS**

FELICE ARENA

WEDNESDAY 14 MAY

Felice (Feh-lee-che) will do workshops with Year 3-4 students.
Order your books from the Bookshop at Queenscliff in advance
and he'll sign them as he visits local schools on the day.

SPORTY KIDS BASKETBALL
SPORTY KIDS NETBALL
THE UNSTOPPABLE FLYING FLANAGAN
A GREAT ESCAPE
FELICE ARENA THE BOY AND THE SPY
Specky Magee 30 YEARS
Specky Magee SEASON OF CHAMPIONS



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HUDA HAYEK

THURSDAY 15 MAY

Huda will do talks and workshops with students in Year 5-6 in Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale. Order her award-winning books from the Bookshop at Queenscliff in advance and she'll sign them on the day.



Holy Trinity Queenscliff - 2025 Jubilee -Pilgrims of Hope.

SAVE THE DATES: Sunday 9 November, 2025 to Tuesday 11 November

The Peace Camino: "The Way to War becomes the Prayerful Path to Peace and Hope".

Pilgrims will follow the Bellarine Rail Trail, from South Geelong Railway Station to Drysdale, staying overnight before continuing on to Queenscliff with an opportunity to attend the 11am Remembrance Day Service at the Queenscliff Fort, followed by a gathering and lunch at Holy Trinity Church Queenscliff.

Apply for a free a 3 or 4 year old place in 2026 and

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Wed 14 May, 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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