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Dear School Community,

Welcome back to school for 2025! I hope everyone has enjoyed some quality time together as a family over January. It has been such a joy to welcome back the students and work with the staff over the past week as we have prepared for the beginning of the new school year. We began the school year with a Welcome to Country and staff mass combined with our other parish school, Our Lady Star of the Sea in Ocean Grove. During the mass Fr Linh reminded us of the importance of 2025 being a Jubilee Year - and that we are all pilgrims on a journey of hope. We look forward to sharing this journey with you as the new school year begins. Many thanks to Lisa Piasente and Bec Nancarrow from OLSOS.



The newsletter will be an important form of communication for whole school information that will continue to be published weekly on a Thursday. All key dates are published and updated in the newsletter and it is the best way to stay engaged with what is happening in the school community. The other forms of communication that we have are Seesaw and Operoo.

Seesaw will be the platform your child's teachers will use to let you know what is happening in the classroom and a place for your children to post the work that they are doing in all subjects. It is a form of ongoing

reporting, information and communication with teachers. Please make sure you are checking Seesaw regularly so you can be part of the teaching and learning that is happening for your child.

Operoo is used when you need to give permission for your child for any school purposes. The Operoo digital platform means that you can give permission electronically, eliminating the need for multiple bits of paper.

Student Medical Management is an essential part of the care we provide for all of our students. In the coming week, parents and carers will be asked to provide the requisite information we need to have to help care for your child if they have medical needs. If you have any questions in relation to this, please come and ask at the front office.

Term 1		
Date	Event	Time
Tuesday 4th Feb	Opening School Mass and presentation of badges to school leaders	9:15am - HolyTrinity Church
	Andrew Chinn Concert	2pm - 3pm - Parish Hall
Wednesday 5th Feb	Prep Rest Day	
Friday 7th Feb	Gr 5 / 6 Golf Excursion	9:15am-1pm - 13th Beach Golf
Tuesday 11th Feb	E-Safety Parent Session	2:45pm - 3:15pm - CLS
Wednesday 12th Feb	Prep Rest Day	
Tuesday 18th Feb	Sacramental Parent Information Evening	5:30pm - 6:30pm - CLS
Wednesday 19th Feb	Prep Rest Day	
Wednesday 26th Feb	Prep Rest Day	
Tuesday 4th March	Shrove Tuesday Gr 5 / 6 District Cricket Day	
Wednesday 5th March	Ash Wednesday Mass	9:15am - 10:15am
	School Cross Country	11:30am - 1pm - Queenscliff Oval
	Prep Rest Day	

Monday 10th March	Labour Day Public Holiday	
Tuesday 11th March	School Closure Day for Staff Professional Learning - Student Free Day	
Wednesday 12th March	NAPLAN begins Gr 3 & 5	
Tuesday 25th March	Gr 3 First Reconciliation	11:30am - 1pm - CLS
Thursday 27th - Friday 28th March	Gr 3 / 4 Camp	Peninsula Outdoors, Merricks
Friday 4th April	Last Day Term 1	3:20pm finish
Term 2		
Monday 21st April	Easter Monday public holiday	
Tuesday 22nd April	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning Day - Student Free Day	
Wednesday 23rd April	First Day Term 2	
Friday 25th April	ANZAC Day public holiday	
Thursday 8th May	Gr 5 / 6 District Soccer	
Friday 23rd May	Gr 6 Confirmation Preparation Day	8:45am - 3pm - Santa Casa
Wednesday 28th May	School Photos	
Saturday 31st May	Gr 6 Confirmation	2pm - 3pm - Holy Trinity
Monday 9th June	Kings Birthday public holiday	
Friday 4th July	Last Day Term 2	3:20pm finish
Term 3		
Monday 21st July	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning Day - Student Free Day	
Tuesday 22nd July	First Day Term 3	
Sunday 3rd August	First Eucharist Mass Gr 4	11am - 12pm - Holy Trinity

Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th August	Grade 5 / 6 Camp	The Ranch - Cape Schanck
Monday 11 August	Gr 4 - 6 District Athletics	
Tuesday 2nd September	Gr 5 / 6 District Basketball	
Friday 19th September	Last Day Term 3	3:20pm finish
Term 4		
Monday 6th October	First Day Term 4	
Monday 3rd November	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning - Stude Free	
Tuesday 4th November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	
Wednesday 19th November	School Athletics Day	9:15 - 12pm - Queenscliff Oval
Monday 24th - Friday 28th November	Gr Prep - 4 Swimming Lessons	
Friday 28th November	Gr 5 / 6 Surf Life Saving Day	Anglesea
Tuesday 16th December	Gr 6 Graduation Mass	11:45am - 12:24pm Holy Trinity
	Last Day Term 4	3:20pm finish

Miriam Leahy
Principal

SACRAMENTS 2025

Lisa Piasente – Religious Education Leader



If your child is in Grade 3, Grade 4 or Grade 6 this year, they will be preparing to celebrate one of the Sacraments.

At St Aloysius' **the Grade 3 students** learn about and take part in the Sacrament of **First Reconciliation**, **in Grade 4**, the students celebrate **First Eucharist** and **in Grade 6** the students complete their initiation through the **Sacrament of Confirmation**.

There will be a parent information evening for any parents who have a child who will be celebrating any of these sacraments. It is important that a parent comes along to find out the preparation process and details of the celebrations.

Term 1	Date and Time
Parent Information Evening – for all parents who have a child or children preparing for a sacrament throughout the year	Tuesday 18th February – 5.30 pm (CLS)
Celebration of Sacrament of First Reconciliation	Tuesday 25 th March – 11.30 am (CLS)
Term 2	
Confirmation Reflection Day at Santa Casa – Fr Linh will be in attendance	Friday 23 rd May – 8.45 – 3.00 pm (Santa Casa)
Bishop Martin Ashe to visit Grade 6 students celebrating Confirmation	Wednesday 28th May – 12.00-1.00 (Classroom/Church)
Sacrament of Confirmation	Saturday 31 st May - 2.00 pm (Holy Trinity Church)
Term 3	
Celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist	Sunday 3 rd August – 11.00 am (Holy Trinity Church)



On Tuesday 4th February, Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to share his songs with our students. Andrew's songs such as "These Hands", "Rainbow" and "An African Blessing" are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, the USA and Canada. The concert will take place in the Parish Hall at 2.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Andrew will also lead the music for our Beginning of the Year Whole School Mass on the morning of the 4th February at 9.15am. Please join us then.