



Volume 4.3

Thursday 24 October 2024

Dear School Community,

It has been a big week of new steps for students and families both young and old this week. Our current Grade 5's delivered their Leadership Speeches for 2025. The students were extremely well prepared, articulate, wise and passionate about their school, their leadership ideas and their wider community. Voting is always incredibly hard in these circumstances as every single one of them would make a great leader in their own ways. Although only 10 students will get an official leadership position for 2025, they are all aware that you don't need a badge to be a leader. Congratulations to the following students on their roles for 2025.

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| School Captains - | Emily Meagher and Alex Leonard |
| School Vice Captains - | Kingsley Farrell and Emily Hovey |
| Maytone House Captain - | Lachie Robertson |
| Melaluka House Captain - | Madison Carey |
| Kurmin Seals House Captain - | Will Bacsak |
| Faith and Social Justice Leader - | George Hickey |
| Arts Leader - | Isla McMahon |
| Sustainability Leader - | Winnie Reid |

We had our first grade Prep transition session this week with many new families joining us and some siblings finally getting their turn to come to big school! Karyn had the new preps enthralled from the moment they walked in and Maddie O'Dowd and I talked the parents through all things Literacy, Numeracy and Science of Learning. I think they all went home happy and with lots to take in. We look forward to our journey continuing into 2025.

We are making some progress on the building and repairs front. The Make Safe team completed their checks and assessments last Friday and the Grade 1's were able to move back into Room 3 on Tuesday., with a portion of the room cordoned off. The Prep Room is still out of action, but the preps can now have the CLS as their base. Thank you for your ongoing patience and adaptability during this repair process.

Next week in Art the students are going to be involved with a local artist, Terri Pollock, in a very exciting Mural Project. Terri has been working with Emma Martison, parents from the P&F and School Advisory Council and myself to plan a series of murals for the back walls of our school buildings, that reflect our local environment and geography and school Identity. The prices of designing, planning and painting will take place in Art classes

over the next few weeks. Many thanks to Carla Leonard in particular for driving this inclusive and creative process.

The Federal Minister for Communications will visit St Aloysius next week Wednesday 30th October in order to launch a suite of new eSmart resources for junior students and will present them to our grade Preps and 1's. The Minister, Michelle Rowlands chose to visit St A's as we are a fully accredited eSmart school that has cyber safety front and centre of our use of technology in all of its forms. This eSmart certification has been driven by Karyn Phillips and is a credit to the safe and caring way she helps to lead this school. There will be other media present for the event. We are very proud of our small school doing big things in important areas.

| KEY DATES | | |
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| Term 4 2024 | | |
| Monday 28 October | 2:45 – 3:15pm | Gr 2S Assembly |
| Fri 1 November | | Grade 3-6 optional District Swimming Trials |
| Mon 4 November | | School Closure Day – Report writing day |
| Tue 5 November | | Melbourne Cup Day – Public Holiday |
| Wed 6 Nov | 9:15 – 10:15am | Senior School Mass |
| Mon 11 Nov | 2:45 – 3:15 | Gr 2O Assembly |
| Wed 13 Nov | 9:00 – 11am | Mission Day |
| Mon 25 Nov | 2:45 – 3:15 | Gr 1 Assembly |
| Fri 29 Nov | 8:30am – 3:20pm | Gr 4 / 5 / 6 Surf Life Saving Day Anglesea |
| Tue 3 December | 9:00am-12 noon 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Whole School Concert Rehearsal School Concert and Presentation of Gr 6 Awards |
| Fri 6 December | | Whole School Athletics Day |
| Mon 9 December | 2:45 – 3:15 | Prep Assembly |
| Fri 13 December | 2pm – 3pm | School Disco CLS |
| Wed 11 December | | P&F Catering – Pt Lonsdale Bowls Club |
| Mon 16 December | 9am – 11am | Beach Day |
| Tue 17 December | 11.45am 3:20 pm finish | End of Year Mass and Year 6 Graduation Last day for students |
| 2025 | | |
| Term 1 2025 | | |
| Thursday 30 January | | All Students return - half day for Preps |
| Tuesday 4 February | | Opening Mass and Andrew Chinn Concert Times TBC |

Playgroup News

Playgroup has started for Term 4 and we are loving having lots of new toys to play with thanks to our grant from the Borough of Queenscliffe. We are also enjoying having the Preps playing with us and helping us out. Our term 4 playgroup dates are:

29th October, 12th November, 26th November and the 10th December.

Everyone is welcome!

from the Library...

Scholastic Book Club: our final catalogue is out for the year so thank you to those families who support the library with purchasing books in this way. I will be closing the orders on 25 October so get those Christmas books ordered ONLINE by then. This is no longer a cash purchasing system.

Library Books: do you have a special place for school library books in your house so your children know where to find their books to return? Always on a bedside table or perhaps near the school bag drop zone? Please assist your children with great habits when housing borrowed books at home and encouraging their independence in returning them on time. I often post reminders on Seesaw or send home hard copies of overdue reminder notices inside lunchboxes to facilitate the return of Library books.

St Aloysius P & F Xmas tree sales

Back for Xmas 2024 are the St A's Xmas trees! Trees are \$75 for a beautiful freshly cut 5.5-6.5ft tree straight from the farm. You can include delivery around Pt Lonny or Queenscliff for an extra \$10. Trees will be for pick up or delivery on Saturday 7th December 2024. Orders must be in by Wednesday 4th December. There will be no on the day sales available. Please scan the QR code on the flyer to go to the online order page.

This is a fundraiser for our wonderful school. We will also be looking for volunteers to assist with deliveries (will need a ute or trailer) and strong people to help carry trees to cars and unload the truck. Please message or call Clare Ireland to let her know you can assist 0477354111. Please save the date in your calendar and share the order flyer with your friends and family.



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