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Dear School Community,

Our school wide focus across all areas has been Community this term. The research around child and adolescent mental health and wellbeing tells us that having a sense of belonging within a community is one of the greatest protective factors in maintaining positive mental health. Our Catholic Identity is another community that binds with a spirit of inclusivity and faith;

*The first believers were a community...Acts 2: 41-47*

*So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

Our Parish community will celebrate our Holy Trinity Parish Feast day this Sunday with mass at 11am followed by hospitality in the Hall - all are welcome. Providing our young people with positive connections to their school, their sporting clubs, their Parish, their Borough, their friends and family is a collective responsibility. I thank the local Water Police who visited this week, the members of the Queenscliff Literary Festival and staff who created several events for our kids, the Sporting District staff who organised the Footy Netball Lightning Premiership this week and the Farm My School Staff and Land Care and school staff who are keeping our kids connected to their environment - Bee Day being a highlight!. Let's continue to foster these great community connections together.





In the spirit of community engagement we are holding another **Working Bee on Thursday 13th June from 3:30 - 4:30pm** to prepare and mulch the areas of the garden ahead of the new planting of our indigenous plants outside Rooms 1 - 4 and at the front entrance to the school. We would love you to put this date in your calendars now so we can make our school grounds thrive.

<b>KEY DATES</b>		
<b>Term 2 2024</b>		
Monday 27 May	2.45 – 3.15pm	Grade 2 Assembly
Tuesday 28 May		School Photos
<b>Mon 10 June</b>		<b>King's Birthday Holiday</b>
<b>Tue 11 June</b>		<b>Student Free Day</b>
Thursday 13 June	3.30 – 4.30pm	Working Bee
Monday 17 June	2.45 – 3.15pm	Prep/1 Assembly
Fri 28 June		Last day of term
Wednesday 14 August	6.00pm	First Eucharist

# Football & Netball Lightning Premiership

By RJ and Will

On the 21st May 2024, St. Aloysius students from years 5/6 had their Football & Netball Lightning Premiership where both our school, Portarlinton Primary, Queenscliff Primary, Point Lonsdale Primary, St. Leonards and Wallington Primary competed in a friendly competition to see which school could win the most games.

The students left school at 9:10am and soon arrived in their individual buses at the Ocean Grove Footy Oval, soon after gathering the schools together, the day began with a series of warm-ups as everyone prepared for their first game. The children who had chosen football prior to the event were separated into a place on the oval and started off by doing hand passes, kicks and marking, while most of the girls that chose netball began a series of exercises that included side steps, lunges and high knees.

Now before the games had begun, we interviewed some students and teachers alike to get their perspective on the day and how they were feeling, so we'd like to share some of their answers with the school community to really put yourselves in their shoes;

**Kingsley:** *"I feel like we might win one game today, but I doubt any more than that."*

**Emily M:** *"Good, I really hope we win today!"*

**Bodhi:** *"I'm feeling happy today, even if we lose that will still be okay since we're gonna have fun anyways!"*

**Mr. Sedgmen:** *"Quite excited, I think we'll bring a lot of enthusiasm to the field today."*

**Mr. Hart:** *"I feel great, we're gonna have a great day today and hopefully make lots of new friends"*

Soon after the warmups the first game had commenced with St Aloysius up against St Leonards, the first minutes of the game were quite intense with both sides of the field kicking it back and forth with ease, it was only after the schools started getting their head around the game that things would get exciting, as after great effort and teamwork, St Leonards managed to score ahead of St. Aloysius by 5 points! Things were getting desperate for St. A's, as the school couldn't budge from just 2 points, however, following an amazing kick on their behalf, a miracle was set in stone and St. Aloysius had managed to score the final goal! The match concluded and St Aloysius had just won by only 3 points, both schools had shown excellent cooperation with their peers as they went to have their snacks to rest up for the next game.

Meanwhile at the netball game, things weren't going as good as Portarlinton had already scored 2 points, while St. A's were stuck at 0. After great struggle St. Aloysius was finally able to



score a point, however, Portalington had followed up with great skill and by the end of the match, the odds were not in St. A's favour with a final score of 9 - 1. The netball team, disappointed with their loss, went to eat their snack while the footy team once again stepped onto the field, feeling confident that they could keep up their winning streak.

Time passed and more games went by, St. A's had lost their first game in footy against Wallington Primary at a devastating score of 56 - 0, while another netball game had begun and ended shortly after with a final score of 22 - 2.

After a quick lunch break, the teachers had decided to have no more breaks between the last 2 games to ensure everyone could get back to school by 3:00pm. In the next footy game, St. A's tried even harder, however, it wasn't enough against Queenscliff Primary as it ended with yet another high difference score of 20 - 0, with the same fate falling among the netball game between St. Aloysius and Queenscliff Primary with yet another loss!

It was 2:00pm and all games had finally concluded, the schools gathered together to hear the final results, but, as most students from St. Aloysius saw it coming, our school had placed last. However, in the end, sportsmanship is more important than any victory and our school gladly acknowledged the other participants for playing, showing all the great skills we had learnt from our experiences as we returned to the familiar site of St. Aloysius and packed up to go home, planning to tell all of our family members the amount of fun everyone had...

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### **It's a Wrap QLF 2024!**

The Year 5/6 Concert for QLF finale was absolutely fabulous. Thank you to those parents who were able to come along and watch the three schools share their songwriting experience and perform on stage. Our songwriter extraordinaire Sarah and pianist Zoe also performed and what a joy it was to hear them in their element. Thank you to our students who put on a truly memorable performance.

Next - Book Week in Term 3 and the theme this year is **READING IS MAGIC** so time to conjure up ideas for costumes!!

Ange Ritchie





## School Photos – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Please make sure students are in full winter uniform on the day. Grade 6's may wear their rugby tops.

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