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Dear School Community,

What a privilege to attend the ANZAC Day ceremony at the Queenscliff Fort on Thursday with our School Captains. Each of them represented our school with pride and genuine respect and admiration for the generations of veterans who have served our country. It is a huge honour to be a part of the services at such a significant venue like the Fort. A big thank you to our local branch of the RSL for always including the young people of the Borough in the ANZAC Day ceremonies.



I am also very grateful to our amazing parent / guardian community who gathered last Friday afternoon for an hour of gardening power! We got a lot done in a small amount of time, and as a result we are ready for the biodiversity corridor that will be created outside Rooms 1-4 and for the new vegetable gardens to be replanted. Special shout out to Charles Caldwell who came and collected all the green waste on the weekend and Lalor McMahon who spent numerous afternoons this week with a chain saw getting rid of dead trunks.



This week and next week we've had more important learning and community events. Big thanks to Xavier Mifsud on organising Crazy Hair Day today and raising money for children less fortunate than us. The Grade 5 and 6's will have the Life Ed program across Tuesday and Wednesday. Many thanks to our senior school staff for the organisation of this. Next Friday May 3rd, the P&F will be holding the Mother's Day Stall. Many thanks to Casey Close for her planning and preparation and all the other parents who have donated. Be sure to send your children along to school with a collection of gold coins to be able to purchase at the stall.





KEY DATES		
Term 2 2024		
Friday 3 May		Mothers' Day stall
Saturday 11 May	2.00pm	Confirmation
Tuesday 28 May		School Photos
Mon 10 June		King's Birthday Holiday
Fri 28 June		Last day of term
Wednesday 14 August	6.00pm	First Eucharist

Great Book Swap Results

Congratulations to our St Aloysius community for raising a total of \$138 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation and for the wonderful response to having the first of these special days. We are grateful to mums Cath and Glenda who worked alongside our Year 5 girls to set up this book swap shop for all to enjoy. We hope everyone has enjoyed their new pre-loved books and possibly even found a note inside from the previous owner. Many photos were posted on Seesaw for all to see so please check your Auslan/Library Seesaw folders.

Our Queenscliff Literary Festival is fast approaching so keep an eye out for more information around that. The Auslan Parent Survey results so far have been fabulous and there is still time to complete this if you haven't already.

Ange Ritchie





On Wednesday the grade 3/4 students went down to the Yacht Club for Outdoor Learning. The focus was looking at places important to the community and the reasons for this. The children had a chance to explore the beach area with magnifying glasses looking for crabs, shells and cleaning up the area. When discussing the importance of this place the children spoke about it being a home for animals, a place to meet people and the importance of looking after the environment around it. Here are some pictures of them in action:



This week the grade 3/4 's have been focusing on ANZAC Day during Literacy sessions. We read the book Gallipoli by Kerry Greenwood and Annie White. Following this the children were encouraged to think about what it would have been like to be a soldier at war and write a letter home.

Here are some of their pieces:

~~24/7/1915~~ 1915 Pa and Dad
Dad
34 Stevens
Queenscliff
3225

Dear Pa and Dad
I miss you
Both. We are
fighting as hard
as we can. So many
People have died.

Love,
Robert

24/7/1915 12 Salt Bush St

Dear Mum and Dad
I miss you guys so much. I am in
the navy and I'm hopefully coming home
soon hope to write back to you guys.

from chelley

1915

Bob
11 Steven St
Pigeon 615

Dear Bob

I am feeling sad. I broke my leg
and now I am in hospital. The war was
scary and we lost good men. But it will
be over soon and I can go home can't
wait to see you again. See you soon.

from John

Dear my precious family,

I hope you are all doing well. Thank you for the lovely fruit cake. It was amazing, I hope you have great weather in Australia, it is so hot here. I am so scared... I almost got shot! We pretty much have no silence, there is always guns shooting and bombs going off all the time. I can't wait to see Aunt Petunia's new twin babies!.. If I even make it home. How are Bob, Bary, Gary and Jumima. I got shot with pieces of shrapnel in the arm but I am ok and healing. I love you and miss you, take care

From,
Daisy

Dear Mums,

Thank you for all the biscuits, they were devine. How is the rest of the family going? Today we got our badges and we are coming home in a week. Heaps of people have died! Although we are scared and sad I have made some friends, their names are Bubble, Bob, Barry and Fred. How is Aunty Rose going with little Olive and Jo? We haven't made much ground into Gallipoli. They definitely don't feed us like home, I'm constantly hungry. Can't wait to see you.

Take care,

Love from Holly

To my dear lovely family,

I hope you are feeling well. I am missing you and I am thinking of you dearly.

By the way I loved the chewy sweet ANZAC cookies. They are definitely better than canned bully beef and cardboard biscuits. I hope you don't mind that I shared them with my mates. Also how are my precious babies Delila, Zoe, Holly, Daisy and Scarlett. It is very hot and sweaty and I haven't had a decent meal or a shower in months. In the war we aren't going very well, many men have died and I won't lie I am scared of the front line.

Hugs and kisses,

From your dearest Willow

Vaping Reforms

The Albanese Government is undertaking landmark reform to turn the tide against the rising use of vapes by young Australians.

We know that vapes pose a range of known and unknown risks to Australians, particularly among young people.

There is strong and consistent evidence that young Australians who vape are around 3 times more likely to take up tobacco smoking compared to young Australians who have never vaped.

Vaping was sold to governments and communities around the world as a therapeutic product to help long-term smokers quit. It was not sold as a recreational product.

It has only ever been Labor Governments that have taken the strong, principled action needed to implement tobacco control, and it is only the Albanese Government that will deliver this next step on vaping.

To help us deliver this reform, please head to <https://www.cancer.org.au/critical-action-on-e-cigarettes-needed> and consider contacting our Senators for Victoria and ask them to support Labor's reforms.

Vaping poses a serious threat to the health and wellbeing of our students.

- One in seven 14–17-year-olds and one in five 18-24-year-olds vape regularly, putting their brain development and future health at risk.
- Young vapers are three times more likely to take up tobacco smoking, perpetuating a cycle of addiction.
- Students who vape are more likely to be less engaged at school, have lower learning and wellbeing outcomes, and participate less in school activities.

Quitting Vaping

Our government has provided substantial additional resources worth \$29.5 million to increase vaping and smoking cessation supports. Constituents looking to quit vaping can be directed to their GP or to Quitline on 13 QUIT (13 7848) or at quit.org.au.

Additional resources can be found on the Department of Health and Aged Care website: [How to quit smoking and vaping | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#).



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