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Dear School Community,

We were very privileged this week to host the Federal Communications Minister Hon Michelle Rowland and our local Federal Member of Parliament Hon Libby Coker as they launched the new Digital Licence for young people with the Preps and Grade 1's at our school. Our students are the first children in the country who are working towards gaining their Digital Licence through learning and demonstrating their clear understanding of what it is to be safe online. We were also very honoured to host the CEO of the Alanah and Madeline Foundation who have designed and developed these resources present at the launch. Many thanks to Karyn Phillips for her tireless work in the eSafety Space which was recognised through our school being chosen for this initiative. You can check out the resources in the flyer attached below.





## eSmart Digital Licence launch, October 2024

### Key Messages & Background

- This month the Alannah & Madeline Foundation launched eSmart Digital Licence for lower primary school students (Years: Foundation/Prep - grade 4, Ages: 4-9 years) in time for Media Literacy Week (Oct 21 –25).
- eSmart is Australia's trusted provider of online safety. eSmart gives schools, educators and families the tools they need to help keep students safe, smart and responsible in a digital world through free and updated resources aligned with the national curriculum.
- eSmart is an initiative of the Alannah & Madeline Foundation, a national not-for-profit organisation dedicated to keeping children and young people free from violence and trauma wherever they live, learn and play.
- In 2022, the Australian Federal Government (Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, and the Arts) committed \$6 million in funding to the Alannah & Madeline Foundation to make eSmart programs available free of charge to all Australian schools.
- Children encounter digital technology from a young age. One-third of children aged six to 13 own a smartphone, and there is a clear need to teach them how to use this technology safely and responsibly. eSmart helps educators and school communities achieve this through resources and lesson plans that are evidence-based, age-appropriate, and aligned with the national curriculum.
- The eSmart program embraces a tech-positive approach, recognising the immense benefits of technology, while also addressing the risks learners face online.
- Over 1,000 school children across Australia – including students from Chelsea Primary School - were in engaged in the co-design of the eSmart Digital Licence to ensure that the program content was relevant and engaging and can be implemented in the classroom with or without the use of technology.

### About eSmart Digital Licence

The eSmart Digital Licence program expands on the existing eSmart content and platform offerings, empowering educators to deliver play-based lessons centred around the 4Cs of online safety.

- **Content** - Learners may encounter inappropriate or harmful material online. These activities are designed to guide learners in navigating and critically evaluating online material.





- **Contact** - Student contact online may involve potentially harmful interactions. These activities are designed to guide safe online communication, privacy settings, and the setting of internet interaction boundaries.
- **Conduct** - Learners online behaviour refers to the actions and interactions engaged in while using digital platforms. These activities are designed to guide positive online behaviours and promote responsible digital citizenship.
- **Compulsion** - Compulsion refers to excessive digital device use among learners, impacting mental health, academics, and social life. These activities are designed to promote healthy tech habits.

It enhances educator-led classroom experiences by providing an adaptable approach to teaching young learners (ages 4-9) essential skills for navigating the digital world safely and confidently.

**Key benefits for educators:**

- Comprehensive resource packs including teaching instructions, lesson slides, educator notes, and curriculum guides to support both experienced and novice educators
- Streamable animated videos, easily accessible from the portal, to bring learning to life on classroom smartboards
- No registration or individual sign-ins are required; educators have full control over the anonymised information they share with us for continuous improvement purposes.

**Key benefits for learners:**

- Interactive play-based learning that teaches online safety and digital literacy
- Opportunities to earn badges as they progress through the 4C's of online risk areas
- A recognised eSmart Digital Licence upon program completion
- Encourages reflection and celebration of success as a class, fostering continued learning.

## About eSmart

- The eSmart program offers a series of engaging, age-appropriate activities focused on digital citizenship and media literacy. Aligned with the Australian Curriculum (Version 9.0), these activities equip students with the essential skills and knowledge to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly.
- eSmart gives schools, educators and families the tools they need to help keep students safe, smart and responsible in the digital world. It's free, aligned with the national curriculum and updated regularly.
- eSmart resources are easy to access, use and integrate in any classroom. The content is evidence-based, regularly refreshed and co-designed with students and teachers to ensure it is always engaging and relevant.
- eSmart delivers Online safety education tailored across the years:

**Ages 4-6**

Stories, craft activities, puppets, games and other fun activities and teaching materials for little



learners to help build digital awareness.

**Ages 7-9**

Creative writing, games and activities to help children stay safe from online harm, regulate feelings and think critically about devices.

**Ages 10-12**

Learning tools to earn their Digital Licence and build safety skills to harness the opportunities and overcome challenges they face in a digital world.

**Ages 13-16**

A fun, gamified platform empowering students to navigate the media landscape and the vast array of content available at their fingertips.

- With professional development and a whole-school approach, everyone can improve their essential digital and media literacy skills.
- There are no time restraints for registration. Australian schools can implement the eSmart program at any time that suits their students, educators and curriculum. Schools can start using eSmart straight away or make plans now to implement eSmart into their online safety education for 2025.

Learn more about eSmart and the Alannah & Madeline Foundation:

[www.esmart.org.au](http://www.esmart.org.au)

[www.alannahandmadeline.org.au](http://www.alannahandmadeline.org.au)

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<b>KEY DATES</b>		
<b>Term 4 2024</b>		
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 20 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
<b>2025</b>		
<b>Term 1 2025</b>		
Thursday 30 January		All Students return - half day for Preps
Tuesday 4 February		Opening Mass and Andrew Chinn Concert Times TBC

As we approach the second half of the term, we are in planning mode for the graduation of our Grade 6's. Every year a number of community organisations donate awards to St Aloysius to acknowledge the outstanding learning and service our students have made to their school. The awards are presented at our end of year concert that this year takes place on Tuesday 3rd December from 6pm - 7:30pm at the Queenscliff Town Hall. The awards that will be presented on the evening are:

### **Sr Patrice Award**

The Sister Patrice Bursary Award was established in her memory and is awarded to a student who is nominated by members of the school community for the contribution to the life of our school and community.

### **Freemasons**

**2 x Junior Scholarship Award; \$100 each awarded to students who have shown;**

- (a) Leadership
- (b) Consideration for others (Children and Adults)
- (c) A willingness to assist others

(d) A cooperative nature

(e) Self-motivation

**Corangamite Award - Presented by Libby Coker MP;**

- demonstrated dedication to the ethos of their school
- worked for the betterment of their school community
- shown a supportive, caring and fair attitude
- and is a leader and role model who helps others

**Borough of Queenscliffe - 2 students,**

The students will receive \$150 each and a certificate of recognition acknowledging contributions to award the arts and academic achievement.

**Rotary Club of Ocean Grove Award** and Scholarships for our students. One recipient - \$300.

**Alison Marchant Seat of Bellarine Citizenship Award - \$50 awarded to students who have shown;**

- Community Leadership
- School Values

**Principal Award**

**Queenscliff Environment Award to gr 4, 5 or 6 student - of \$50 each to 2 students who;**

- Promote environmental responsibility,
- an understanding of the need for climate change action,
- Leadership
- A sense of positive community spirit

**House of the Year Award**

- Presented to House Captains of the winning House

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER**

October is known as **World Mission Month** in the Catholic Tradition. The word "mission" is a verb!! It calls us to act, to do something, not just sit and listen, not just sit and look.

During the RE lessons this term, all of the students have been learning about how their actions work towards building the Kingdom of God. Scripture such as the parable of the Good Samaritan tell us how important it is to 'love our neighbour'. Jesus explains, through the parable, that a neighbour is anybody, anywhere, any colour, any religion.



Our action as a school community is to raise money for the Socktober initiative through Catholic Mission. This year the money raised goes towards helping the children of Mongolia. For more information go to this link:

<https://www.socktober.org.au/about/mongolia>

### **ST ALOYSIUS MISSION DAY**

On Wednesday 13th November, the Grade 5 and 6 students will be running stalls and activities to raise money for this initiative. All students throughout the school will be invited to take part in Mission Day by participating in the activities provided. Students will be running activities such as:

- Guess the number of lollies in the jar
- Lucky Dip
- Soccer competition
- Loom Bands
- Raffle
- Scavenger Hunt
- Beat the Cream
- Paper Squishies

Please support St Aloysius Mission Day by sending your child along to school with money to be donated to the Socktober fundraiser, through their participation in the activities. Feel free to join us on the day from 9.15 - 10.15 for a fun morning.



# Misson Day

Wednesday 13th of November  
All funds raised go

to  
**SOCK  
TOBER**

Focusing this year  
on the kids in  
Mongolia

Bring your coins

Dont Forget to Wear Crazy  
Socks



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## Performing Arts

In Performing Arts the grade 3 and 4 students explored a unit on SongWriting. They had to write their own song and create some music for the song writer to go with their song and perform it in front of the class. The song had to be on the theme of nature, sustainability, animals, Swan Bay or Queenscliff. Levi and Jack from grade 3/4 made some incredible lyrics about the Beach!

### BEACH

#### Verse 1

We all want to walk on the sand with sand dunes  
and listen to the SEA TUNES!

WE'RE POLLUTING OUR LANDS  
WERE HAVING MASSIVE DELUSIONS  
WITH THE END BEING NO CONCLUSION

#### Chorus

THIS IS OUR LAND  
THIS IS OUR SEA  
LET'S THINK ABOUT HOW WE WANT OUR FUTURE TO BE!

#### Verse 2

Before we surf we take off our socks  
to sail the rocks  
entering sea caves with the maximum bravery  
we break the waves with no fear  
We just want to have fun jumping off the pier.

Chorus

THIS IS OUR LAND  
THIS IS OUR SEA  
LET'S THINK ABOUT HOW WE WANT OUR FUTURE TO BE!

#### Verse 3

We all ask can we go  
Back to the sea  
So we can always meet  
The fish  
That's just one wish  
We don't want to go  
To the aquarium  
Or meet a librarian  
We want to see sea creatures in the sea

Verse 4  
Now to me  
How am I supposed  
To be happy if  
I can't see no beautiful waves  
Or any sea caves  
If every day we bang our heads to sea raves

Chorus

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THIS IS OUR SEA  
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### 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!

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### 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.



ST ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC P.S. PARENTS AND FRIENDS PRESENT  
**XMAS TREE SALES**

 [www.trybooking.com/CWFRP](http://www.trybooking.com/CWFRP)  
Order Online

 Wed 4th December 2024  
Order By

 Sat 7th December 2024  
Pickup or delivery





**CRICKET BLAST  
REGISTRATIONS  
ARE OPEN!  
AGES 5-10**



<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/7542d7>

**STARTS 8 NOV 2024, 5PM-6PM**



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