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Dear School Community,

As we enter into the Season of Lent, it is always a good time to reflect not just on what we might give up, but also what we might choose to contribute. Fr Linh reminded us at our Ash Wednesday Mass this week that it is through service to others and gratitude for what we have - not longing for other things we want, that helps us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Lent is a very good opportunity for reflection on the privileged and abundant lives we have and how we can strive to help others who are less fortunate. Our Faith and Social Justice Leader and Team have been spreading this message through their organisation of the Project Compassion collections for each classroom. Students are welcome to bring in coins to contribute the collection boxes in each Grade. Many thanks to Mrs Lisa Piasente and the Faith and Social Justice team for the Mass on Wednesday and a big thank you to all the fabulous parent volunteers who cooked the delicious pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.



The spirit of House Competition was certainly alive and well at Queenscliff Oval on Thursday with all Grade 1 - 6's running laps of the oval as part of the House Cross Country. It is a challenging event that our students have trained for in PE over the past few weeks and it was wonderful to see all kids have a go, cheer on their friends, support each other to finish and help make it a great community event. Many thanks to Naomi Young and the House Captains for their great organisation. In Grade 1 and 2 Writing the students reflected on and wrote about their experience of the day - see some of their work below - some budding Sports Section Journalists in the making.



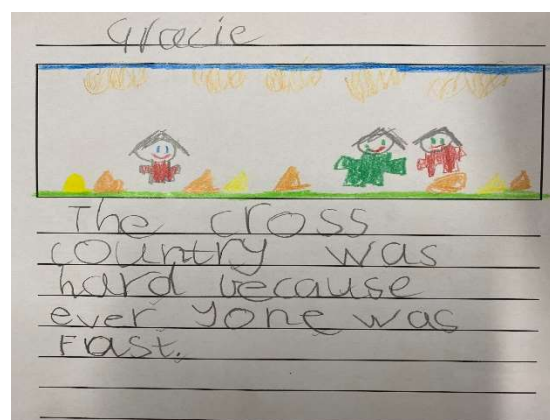
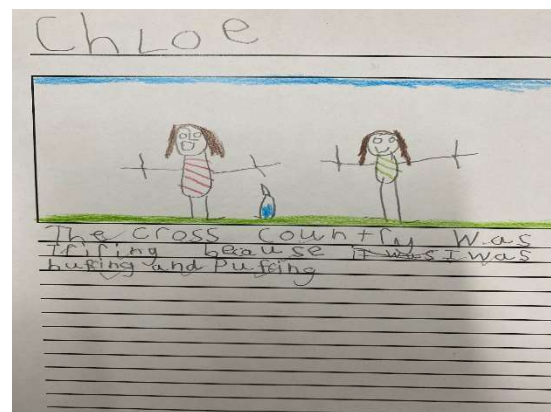
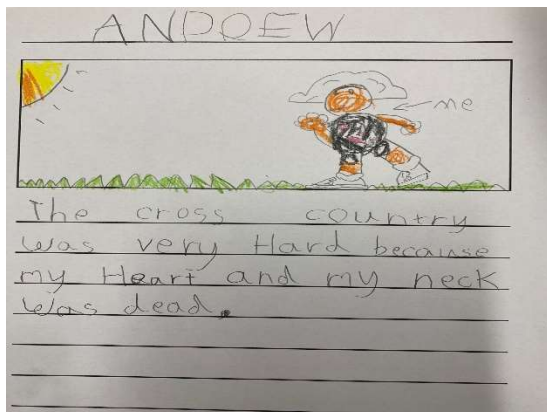
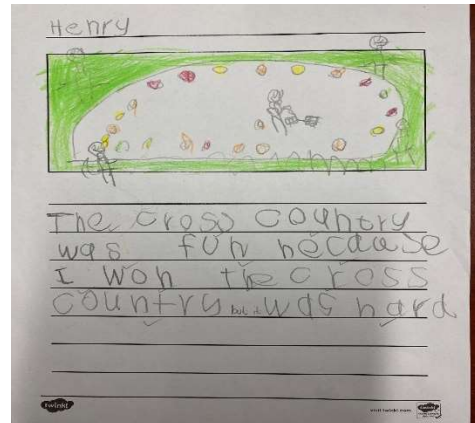
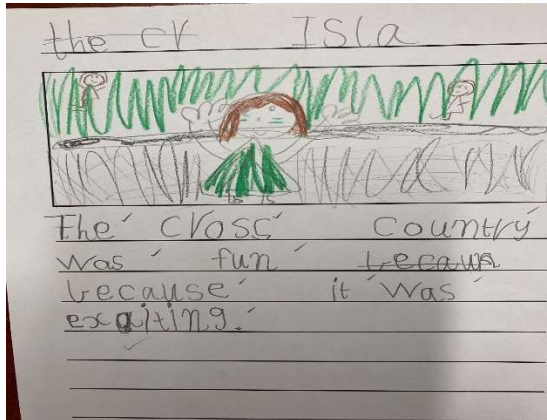
The Spelling Bee organised by Vice School Captain Emily H was a great success and reflected on how much our students are engaged with learning both in and out of the classroom with so many students entering the lunchtime competition. It was great to see everyone have a go and spell so well - from Prep to Gr 6! Congratulations to all the place getters for each year level.



We hope you enjoy the long weekend and look forward to seeing everyone back at school again next Wednesday 12th March - ready for NAPLAN if you are in Gr 3 and 5 and ready for another week of great learning and community spirit for all.

Miriam Leahy
Principal

Cross Country Writing



HARMONY DAY & DOWN SYNDROME DAY

Everyone Belongs

This year, St Aloysius School will use the Lots of Socks theme, created by Down Syndrome International, and celebrate World Down Syndrome Day on Friday 21st March.

On this day, we ask that your child wear socks of their choice to school. They can be bright, colourful, short or long, the choice is endless!

During the day, we will be discussing what makes us all unique. We will talk about inclusion and how we can all help each other to feel included.



BUDDIES 2025

This year we will continue with our buddy program with a slight difference! Sessions will be held at different times throughout the term instead of the whole school coming together at the same time.

Prep & Grade 4

- Wednesday 12th March at 10am - Literacy focus
- Monday 24th March at 2:30pm - RE focus

Grade 1, 3 & 5

- Wednesday 12th March at 11am - Maths focus
- Monday 24th March at 10am - Literacy focus

Grade 2 & 6

- Tuesday 18th March at 10.00am - Wellbeing 'Emotions'.
- Tuesday 25th March at 10.00am - Maths focus

Student Work from Grade 5

In Religion the Grade Five students have been exploring the Common Good. As part of this they looked at the 17 Global Sustainable Goals. From this they had to think of one idea for one of the goals. Jack R has created and sent a letter to the Prime Minister Anthony Albanese with his idea. The following is his letter.

Dear Mr Albanese,

I would like to share some ideas that could help the homeless and give people a home.
Here are my ideas.

In Australia there are many fundraisers that get advertised on TV, such as cancer.

My idea is that you could partner up with a fundraiser such as Mission Australia , Vinnies or the Salvation Army. With the partner you chose you could first set up little fundraiser booths local to everyone. The money that's made will be collected every 2-3 weeks.

Also you should set up a virtual fundraiser on Australian sporting events and make a little beanie or jacket to sell as well, you could do that every grand final in the AFL and the BBL.

With the money you get you could first set up a homeless shelter in every state, then with the extra money with your fundraiser partner that you chose. You could make more fundraiser booths and make little boxes that could go to every school and advertise them to donate 50c or more to do this every 2-3 months .

Once you have done these 2-3 times you could make the shelters local to everyone.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my ideas.

Yours Sincerely,

Jack R

Year 5 student

St Aloysius Catholic Primary School Queenscliff



**AFTER
SCHOOL
LEGO CLUB**

WEEKLY BUILD THEMES
NEW FRIENDS
FULLY SUPERVISED
DROP OFF PROGRAM
PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS
WELCOME!

TERM 1
Tuesdays 4-5PM
BTACH Ocean Grove
Bookings Essential
1st session FREE!

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Term 1		
Date	Event	Time
Monday 10th March	Labour Day Public Holiday	
Tuesday 11th March	School Closure Day for Staff Professional Learning - Student Free Day	Student Free day
Wednesday 12th March	NAPLAN begins Gr 3 & 5	
Friday 21 st March	Harmony Day & Down Syndrome Day	Wear your bright socks
Tuesday 25th March	Gr 3 First Reconciliation	11:30am - 1pm - CLS
Thursday 27th - Friday 28th March	Gr 3 / 4 Camp	Peninsula Outdoors, Merricks
Tuesday 1 st April	Parent, Teacher, Student Interviews	2:30 – 5:00pm
Thursday 3 rd April	Easter Bonnet Parade Easter Egg Hunt and BBQ	3:30 – 4:30 pm
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	Student Free Day
Wednesday 23rd April	First Day Term 2	
Friday 25 th April	ANZAC Day public holiday	
Wednesday 30 th April	P&F Catering – Pt Lonsdale Bowling Club	
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	Student Free Day
Tuesday 22nd July	First Day Term 3	

Sunday 3rd August	First Eucharist Mass Gr 4	11am - 12pm - Holy Trinity
Wed 6 th – Fri 8 th 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 19 th 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

St Aloysius Playgroup News

Playgroup is back and running for the year on Tuesday mornings in the hall. This term the play dates are: **18th March, 1st April**

9 till 11

All Welcome