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Volume 1.7

Thursday 21st March, 2024

Dear School Community,

The Sacrament of Reconciliation was celebrated by our Grade 3 and other students on Wednesday. We decided to move Reconciliation to Term 1 this year as we believed the importance of this Sacrament would be best understood during this time of Lent. Our students, led by Father Darien and prepared by Rachael Henry and Lisa Piasente, demonstrated their deep understanding of what it is to forgive, repent and repair in our Catholic faith - themes we have been focusing on as we have journeyed through the season of Lent together as a school community. Congratulations to all our students and families.



Child Safety and Wellbeing is at the core of all of what we do at St Aloysius. The Key objectives of our Child Safe - Volunteers Policy and Processes include:

- Establishing clear procedures for the recruitment, screening, and training for volunteers who work with children.
- Providing guidelines for appropriate behaviour and interaction with children.
- Implementing protocols for responding to allegations or suspicions of child abuse or neglect, including reporting procedures and support mechanisms for those involved.
- Educating our community about roles and responsibilities in safeguarding children and promoting a child safe culture.
- Setting clear expectations regarding Working With Children Checks, - who needs to have one.

We run parent Information Sessions to ensure our parent volunteers are aware of the processes involved in volunteering at St Aloysius and to give out the necessary forms etc that must be completed before you can volunteer at school. I will be running a session next Tuesday 26th March from 2:15pm - 2:45pm. I have made it this time as the Whole School Easter Liturgy which parents are welcome to, follows directly at 2:45pm, followed by the Easter Bonnet Parade from 3:30pm - 4:30pm. If you have any questions, please ask or email at mleahy@saqueenscliff.catholic.edu.au

Watches as devices at School

We are aware that many students wear watches that have internet connections to school for a range of child safety purposes. Please ensure that you switch your child's phone to "**school mode**" for the times that they are at school. Students should not be using their watches to communicate with anyone during school hours. If they are, they are in breach of the St Aloysius ICT Acceptable Usage Agreement. If a student needs to contact their parents or guardians during the day, they are welcome at the front office and a staff member will assist them.

Working Bee - Do you have an hour to spare after school this Friday?

- Small bird habitat corridor- outside classrooms
 - Dig out meandering path along spray line- put onto back of garden bed or make mounds
 - Lay down cardboard and empty garden beds -spread over cardboard- make some mounds- lay mulch over top
 - *Move vegie beds to new location*
 - Pull out weed plants in indigenous food garden: add some compost and mulch
 - Weed/cut back ivy and buckthorn coming over the fence
 - Cut down dead tree outside Grade 1 classroom and leave large logs/trunk for landscaping.
- Front/side garden bed: weed out all weed plants, cover with cardboard and mulch
 - Check with Father Darien re bed at front containing weed plants: can we remove and replant with indigenous plants as the weed plants are seeding all over the garden beds. Note one is an oleander and is poisonous to eat and sap can cause irritation when cut.
- Items that might be handy -
 - Cardboard-lots
 - Mulch-3-5 metres (small truckload)
 - Garden gloves
 - Pruners and secateurs
 - Forks and Shovels/spades
 - Wheelbarrows
 - Trailer for weeds and cuttings
 - Small chainsaw
 - Containers with planting mix to save some plants (Jo)

Lunch Orders

There will be no lunch orders next Wednesday 27th March. Cafe 3225 will be in touch with families who have pre-ordered.

Parents & Friends

Next Date for P & F Lunchtime BBQ at St A's in Term 1

- Thursday 28th March - last day Term 1

Catering

- **Monday 15th April 2024 – first day of Term 2 – Pt Lonsdale Bowls**

A huge thank you to everyone who has responded with offers of desserts and assistance on the night. Please check with the **'St A's Parent Group' Facebook page** for requirements.

P&F are always looking for more volunteers to help.



As Mothers' Day approaches, we are excited to announce that the P & F will be hosting a special Mother's Day Stall to celebrate the wonderful women in our lives. To help make this event a success, we are reaching out to you for your generous support.

We're seeking donations of new and handmade items that would make perfect gifts for mothers of all ages. Whether it's a crafted piece of jewellery, a scented candle, a knitted scarf, or any other creative creation, we welcome all contributions that showcase the talent and thoughtfulness within our community.

If you would like to contribute, please drop off your donations at the front office. If you require any further information or have any questions, please feel free to contact Morgan and Casey.

Thank you to those families who have already donated gifts.

KEY DATES - 2024		
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Friday 22 March	3.30-4.30pm	Casual Dress Day (gold coin donation) Working Bee
Tuesday 26 March	3.30-4.30pm	Easter Bonnet Parade, whole school
Wednesday 27 March	9.30-10.30am	Open Morning
Thursday 28 March	1.00pm 3.20pm	P&F Lunchtime BBQ End of school term 1
Friday 29 March		Good Friday – School Holidays commence
Term 2 2024		
Mon 15 April		First day of Term 2 NEW DATE P&F Catering – Pt Lonsdale Bowls Club
Wed 17 – Fri 19 April		Grade 5/6 Camp
Wed 24 April		Gr 5/6 District Soccer
Thursday 25 April		ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Saturday 11 May	2.00pm	Confirmation
Tuesday 28 May		School Photos
Wednesday 14 August	6.00pm	First Eucharist



Great Book Swap

The collective schools of the Borough of Queenscliffe are once again working together under our love and promotion of literacy umbrella. Each year the schools are blessed to have funding for visiting authors and illustrators to share their expertise with the **Queenscliff Literary Festival** and this will go ahead in Term 2. We are also collaborating to raise funds for the **Indigenous Literacy Foundation** through the **Great Book Swap** at our school for our students on **22 April 2024** - the second week of Term 2.



How it works...

- Select 1-3 books at home that are in very good condition to excellent condition that your family is prepared to swap.
- Bring these books and a gold coin on Monday 22 April.
- For each book, children will be given a ticket. Each ticket will be exchanged for a new book donated from another child.

The idea is for money to be raised and all books brought in will be swapped for a different book to love. We do not need books as donations as the Indigenous Literacy Foundation targets the literary items to each community's needs.

Additional donations can be given through this QR code or <https://edu.greatbookswap.org.au/stalloysiusqcliffgreatbookswap>



Please let me know if you are able to assist on the day with collecting, grouping like books, displaying and helping with the exchange of books on the day. Any help would be gratefully appreciated.

Ms Ange Ritchie

The students in 3/4O have been working on Persuasive Writing. Basing our work on the book *Let's Save the Great Barrier Reef* the students have researched and written persuasive pieces about saving some of endangered animals in Australia. Here are some of their pieces of work.

Let's Save the Eastern Barred Bandicoot

Let's save the Eastern Barred Bandicoot because they are endangered and we need to help, some are losing their homes and another reason is how interesting they are.

Let's save the Eastern Barred Bandicoot because they are endangered. We need to help because some of them are losing their homes.

Another reason is how interesting they are we don't want to lose them. I think their habitat and how they live is interesting.

Also they are losing their homes. Because of foxes hunting them down.

Let's save the Eastern barred bandicoot because they are endangered and we need to help, some are losing their homes and another reason is how interesting they are.

By Elke

Let's Save the Northern Corroboree Frog

Let's save the Northern Corroboree because they are corroboree frogs because their habitat is damaged and because they eat ants.

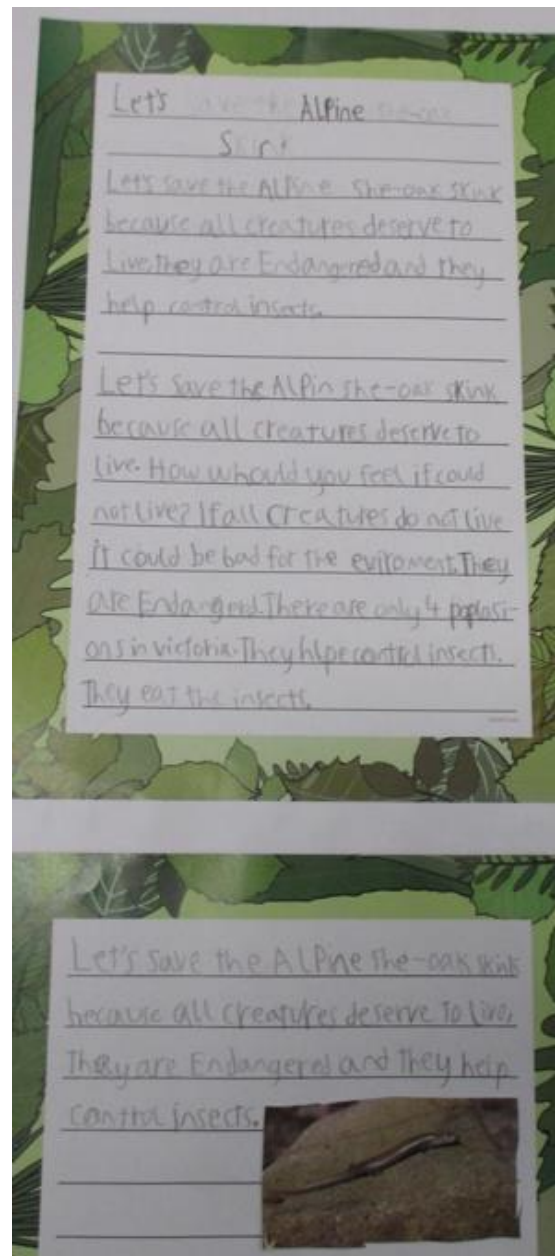
They are endangered. Fewer than 2,000 left in the world.

Habitat is damaged. People are damaging their habitat.

They eat ants. People are not keeping waterways clean.

Let's save the Northern Corroboree frog because they are endangered because their habitat is damaged and because they eat ants.

By Rosie



Let's Save the Leadbeater's Possum

Let's save the Leadbeater's possum because it's critically endangered. There needs to be more in the world. And if you see one call the zoo.

It's critically endangered. The numbers are decreasing due to logging. There needs to be more in the world. There are 40 left in the world if you see one call the zoo. We want to save them.

Let's save Leadbeater's possum because it's critically endangered there needs to be more in the world and if you see one call the zoo.

By Theo

Let's Save The Grassland Earless Dragon

Let's save The Grassland Earless Dragon because they are critically Endangered. They are interesting to study and they help the environment.

Let's save The Grassland Earless Dragon because they are critically Endangered and there are 0 left in the wild and they are interesting to study and they are small and delicate. They help the environment and they control the bug.

Let's save the Grassland Earless Dragon because they are critically Endangered. They are interesting to study and they help the environment.



Chiara Sutura

Let's Save the Orange-Bellied Parrot!

Let's Save the Orange-Bellied Parrot because they are endangered. They help the environment. There are 50 left in the world. If they have babies more and more come. When they fly they drop their seeds everywhere. They are very rare to see in Queenscliff. That's why we need to save them.

By Chiara

St Aloysius Primary School, Queenscliff

Your Catholic Education Journey starts here



ST ALOYSIUS
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
QUEENSCLIFF



OPEN MORNING
Wednesday 27th
March from
9:30am - 10:30am

Prospective families welcome from 9:30am for school tours, followed by Principal's address and a cuppa and a chat or book in a personal tour



A caring and spiritual community

Specialist and Outdoor Learning Program

Small class sizes, calm classrooms, target teaching

120 year history of Education Excellence

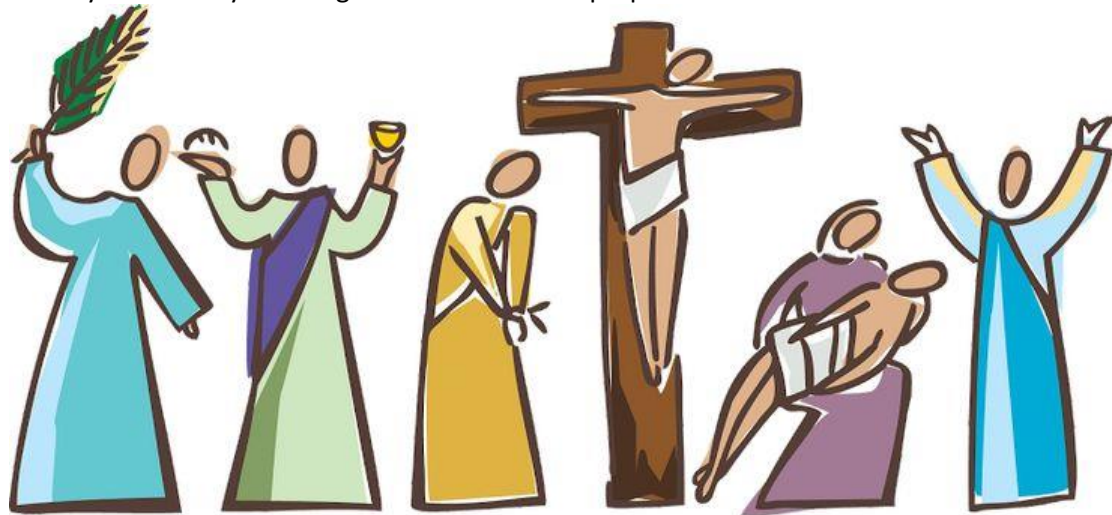
Call 52581736 • Email: principal@saqueenscliff.catholic.edu.au

Enrolments Now Open for 2025

RE NEWS - Week 8 - Lisa Piasente REL

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Congratulations to the students who celebrated the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this week. We ask God to bless them and their families as they continue their faith journey. I'd like to thank Fr Darien for his continuing support of our students, families and teachers as he journeys with us in our continuing faith formation. A special thank you to Mrs Rachael Henry for the way she taught the students and prepared them to celebrate the sacrament.



Holy Week

Holy Week Prayer Services

Next week is Holy Week, the most important week in the Church's calendar. The students will gather each day for reflection on the events that took place during the time Jesus entered Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover to his death and resurrection.

The prayer services are as follows:

Palm Sunday - Grade Prep and 1: 9.15am Monday 25th March

Holy Thursday - Grade 3 and 4: 9.15am Tuesday 26th March

Good Friday - Grade 5 and 6: 2.45pm Tuesday 26th March

Easter Sunday - Grade 2: 9.15am Thursday 28th March

EASTER CATERING FOR THE POINT LONSDALE BOWLS CLUB DINNER - MONDAY 15TH APRIL

FOR THOSE THAT ARE NEW TO THE ST A'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY, THIS SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENT HAS BEEN RUNNING FOR MANY MANY YEARS, IT IS A DINNER EVENT HELD FOR THE MEMBERS AT POINT LONSDALE BOWLING CLUB HELD 3 TIMES PER YEAR AT THE BOWLS CLUB.

ST A'S PROVIDE THE CATERING FOR THE BOWLS CLUB AWARDS NIGHTS ... BRONTE (AMAZING CHEF IN THE COMMUNITY & AND MUM TO XAVIER IN GRADE 6) COOKS THE MOST DELICIOUS MAIN MEALS & PARENTS PROVIDE A SELECTION OF YUMMY DESSERTS.

MOST IMPORTANTLY THE GRADE 6 KIDS SERVE THE MEALS TO THOSE ATTENDING THE DINNER AND A FEW PARENTS HELP OUT ON THE NIGHT IN THE KITCHEN.

THE ONLY WAY THIS NIGHT WORKS IS THROUGH PARENT CONTRIBUTION. THIS IS THE FIRST CATERING DINNER OF THE YEAR AND THIS ONE FALLS ON THE FIRST DAY BACK OF TERM 2! MONDAY 15TH APRIL.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE GENEROUS PARENTS WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS NIGHT, WE ARE SO GRATEFUL.

SOME OF THE INGREDIENTS ARE ALSO DONATED BY FARMERS HARVEST. BELOW IS A LIST OF INGREDIENTS & SUGGESTED DESSERTS THAT WE NEED FOR THE NIGHT TO BE A SUCCESS.

PLEASE CONTACT ANNA FLETCHER (HOVEY)
WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTION
OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
0411 644 997

DESSERT & INGREDIENTS TO CONTRIBUTE:

PLEASE DELIVER TO POINT LONSDALE BOWLS CLUB (PT LONSDALE RD PT LONSDALE)
ON MONDAY 15TH APRIL BETWEEN 4-6PM
IF YOU NEED TO DROP YOUR DESSERT AT SCHOOL THAT DAY - PLEASE LET
ANNA KNOW. (PLEASE ALSO PROVIDE A LIST OF INGREDIENTS)

PAVLOVA
APPLE CRUMBLE
APPLE PIE
FRUIT SALAD X 2
LEMON TART
LEMON DELICIOUS
CHEESECAKE
STICKY DATE PUDDING
EASTER INSPIRED DESSERT
HOT CROSS BUN BREAD & BUTTER PUDDING
GLUTEN FREE DESSERT
6 PUNNETS STRAWBERRIES
ICE CREAM (2L) HOMEMADE OR BOUGHT
3L HEAVY CREAM

(IF YOU HAVE A SPECIALTY DESSERT YOU WOULD PREFER TO CONTRIBUTE, LET ANNA KNOW!)

INGREDIENTS TO CONTRIBUTE

PLEASE DELIVER TO SCHOOL OFFICE PRIOR TO END OF
TERM 1 – THURSDAY 28 MARCH

6 CANS COOKED LENTILS
2 TINS TRADITIONAL GRAVOX POWDER
1 TIN MASSEL BEEF STOCK POWDER
1 PCKT CORNFLOUR
5 X JARS MINT JELLY
5 X PACKETS / JARS CUMMIN SEED
4 JARS / PACKETS SUMAC
2 LITRES EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL



Friday 22nd
March

Caritas
AUSTRALIA

**CASUAL
CLOTHES
DAY BRING A
GOLD COIN
DONATION**

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The Great Barwon River Duck Race 2024



It's on again !!

Easter Saturday - March 30th

Start time around 1pm - depending on tides.

Between Barwon Heads Bridge &
Ozone Rd. Jetty
Great prizes !

Numbered ducks will be sold (\$10) at a range of locations around
Ocean Grove/Barwon Heads/Point Lonsdale!

....or they can be purchased online at our

Online site (QR code below)

Yellow Ducks (Adults) **Blue Ducks** (Children)

Proceeds from the event will benefit local volunteer groups as
well as local Primary Schools.

Proudly sponsored by:



QR code to
buy a duck
online !



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POTTERY STUDIO-EVENTS & GALLERY

School Holiday's Pottery & Craft Sessions

Tue 2nd April 10am-12pm Kids Pottery Class

Wed 3rd April 2pm- 4pm Kids Pottery Class

Fri 12th April 1pm-3pm Kids Pottery Class

Additional classes will be listed on these dates and other dates if these book out.
Adults may book a spot for themselves to join in and make something as well.
You can either stay or drop off.

\$55 per person for 2 hours. Includes clay, colours, glazes and 2 kiln firings.

To book visit the website <https://hazytales.com/events/events-calendar/>

These are a few of the other things we do at Hazy Tales Studio:
Bespoke Pottery Parties for Adults & Kids. Custom events. Hen parties.
Adult evening 'Clay & Cocktails by Candlelight'. Porcelain products & jewellery for sale.

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ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY Lonsdale Links Chip for Charity

29TH MARCH, 10AM TO 3PM

\$5 FOR A MINI BUCKET OF BALLS
GOLF CLUBS SUPPLIED OR BRING YOUR OWN
PRIZES FOR MEN, WOMEN & KIDS
EASTER EGG GIFTS FOR ALL KIDS PARTICIPATING
NO SIGN UP REQUIRED, JUST FIND US ON THE DAY

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
ROYAL MELBOURNE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL





ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE GEELONG

COLLEGE TOURS

St Joseph's College Geelong invite you to join our College Tours this semester.

We are proud to continue offering an innovative education, and we welcome all senior primary school boys and their families to come and visit us.

Year 7 applications for 2025 are now open, apply via the college website.

Bookings essential, register via our College Website: sjc.vic.edu.au



Tours commence at 9:00am

Monday 18 March	Wednesday 20 March
Tuesday 26 March	Wednesday 27 March
Wednesday 17 April	Friday 19 April

Visit SHC: 2024 Discovery Day

Explore life at Sacred Heart College

Sacred Heart College will be hosting our annual Discovery Day on Friday 22 March 2024. The event provides an opportunity for prospective families to visit the school and experience learning in action at SHC.

With the option to attend either a morning session or an afternoon session, all young visitors are encouraged to use their Discovery Day College Map (provided on arrival) to explore the school areas and activities that spark their interest the most.

Families will have an opportunity to meet Principal Anna Negro and College leadership staff, and pose any questions to staff House Leaders and student leaders.

Book your spot for Discovery Day via our website
here: <https://www.shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au/college-tours>

DISCOVERY DAY 2024

FRIDAY 22 MARCH

shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au

**BOOK
ONLINE
TODAY**



*Discover life at
Sacred Heart College*



YEAR 7 2025 ENROLMENTS | Saint Ignatius College Geelong is a co-educational secondary Catholic college, situated on expansive grounds on the Bellarine Peninsula educating young people in the Ignatian tradition.

Saint Ignatius College, through an engaging and invigorating curriculum, develops young people with competence, conscience, compassion and commitment who are dedicated to being young people for, and with others.

Guided by dedicated, enthusiastic and skilled staff, in state of the art facilities, students embrace the Ignatian value of 'striving for the Magis' (human excellence) in all aspects of their academic and cocurricular programs. An innovative Cura Personalis Program (the development of the whole self) at the Year 7 and Year 8 levels, compliments an already established and celebrated GISSA Program, whereby students are able to select either engagement or GISSA activities on a weekly basis.

Saint Ignatius College welcomes applications from students who are seeking an Ignatian education in Year 7 2025. Further information, including the application link can be found here --> <https://www.ignatius.vic.edu.au/enrolment/enrolment-information>

Prospective families are encouraged to book in a Guided Tour of the College, with further details, including a booking link available on the College website.

Enrol to learn. Graduate to lead.

We extend our special Invitation to Friends & Colleagues who work and/or reside together in the Region of The Bellarine, the full Geelong Environs & the Borough of Point Lonsdale & Queenscliff - to witness this marvellous Film - at a time in History that Australia was decidedly on a knife edge - facing a cruel enemy that was hell bent on annihilating of all those who stood before them.

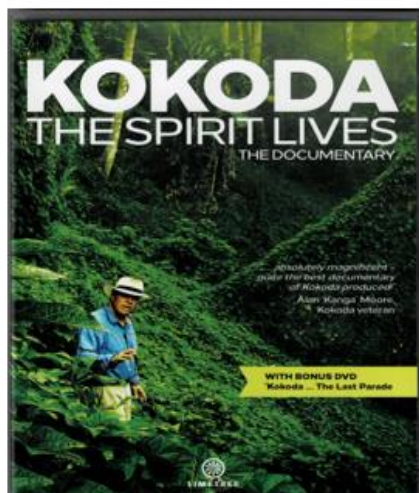
Our Youth were steadfast in the defence of our Nation.

We look forward to you and a large attendance to attest to this dynamic and memorable Film.

Graham J. Christie JP

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All of Australia was facing annihilation -
as our youth held fast in the jungles of
KOKODA



A Documentary with archival footage that must be seen by
every Australian throughout the Nation

Produced by Cinematographer Patrick Lindsay

6.30PM for 7.00PM to 8.30PM Friday 19th April 2024

Point Lonsdale School Hall

Bowen Road

Adults \$5 – Children under 14 FREE

Entry will be a contribution to the Headstone Project

Convenor : Graham J. Christie JP