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Dear Parents,

This week I have taken some time to reflect on the term and the ways in which we have worked to build and maintain positive parent-school relationships at St Aloysius. Communicating positively with staff and getting involved in the St Aloysius school environment are great ways to enhance parent-school relationships. There are many benefits of a strong parent-school relationship for all involved at St Aloysius.

As a parent, you know your child better than anyone else does. Your child's teachers are always working to get to know them as well. When you have a strong and respectful relationship with the school and the teachers, you're in the best position to give us the information we need to help your child get the most out of their education. You and your child's teachers can work together to support your child's learning and wellbeing. When everybody is working together in the best interests of your child, they are likely to reap **academic and social benefits**, such as: regular school attendance, positive school results, a positive attitude towards school, positive social and relationship skills and a true sense of wellbeing. (In relation to regular school attendance, I have attached crucial information below that every parent should be aware of).

I would sincerely like to thank all our staff for their support to all in our community. During this term they have organized parent nights (Wonder of Living), made breakfast for our main men, co-ordinated Maths Olympiads, Kids teaching Kids opportunities, Buddy Activities, Great Book Swap, Shared Author study, Outdoor Learning, Marine Discovery excursions, Library visits and excursions. And yes, they have taught reading, writing, maths and RE too. A huge thank-you from me and enjoy the well-earned break.

### Year 2 Share Author Research

What a fabulously successful morning for our Year 2 students sharing quality Australian literature and new found knowledge of authors. The Year 2 students have been learning about safe online research appropriate to their age for gathering specific information about the lives and inspirations of their assigned authors. They wrote letters to their authors and many received communication in return which was very exciting. Their oral presentations to family and other classes showed confidence and in-depth knowledge of their author. Brilliant work Year 2! A special thank-you to parents and families who made it to the morning. I would sincerely like to thank Chris Badrock and Angela Ritchie for inspiring our year 2 students to let their lights shine brightly! See photos below.

Fiona

Principal

### Key Reminders

*Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Sep – Footy*

*Colours Day*

*Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – Spring*

*Working Bee*

*Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Oct – Swimming*

*Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Oct – Andrea  
Downie and Michael Carr-  
Gregg (Parent night)*

I encourage all parents to join us for an evening with Dr Michael Carr-Gregg and Andrea Downie from Project Thrive on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October from 7.00pm. (Drinks and Nibbles from 6.00pm in the school.)

Here's a link to Michael's website to find out more about what he does in regards to wellbeing and mental health - <http://michaelcarrgregg.com/about>

Here's the link to tickets. Reminder that tickets are free!

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=545513&bof=1>

Book your tickets early to avoid disappointment as there is a cap on numbers. Child minding for St Aloysius children will be available on the night.

#### **Wearing of Hats – Term 4:**

You are asked to keep in mind that in Term 4 the wearing of school hats is compulsory on the playground and for outdoor learning sessions, so now is the time to order if your child doesn't have one. You can order hats from Bellarine Uniforms by phoning 52219199. A limited supply of small, medium and large hats are available from the office.

#### **Regular school attendance**

At St Aloysius we are committed to providing your children with an excellent education. The building blocks of a great education begin with all students coming to school each and every day. Regular school attendance is vital and missing school days can have a big impact on a child's future – missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason. If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day. (see attached page)

#### **PLASTIC POLLUTION SOLUTION THINK TANK - Meeting Held on Monday 16th September**

Present: Nicole and Astrid, Brooke and Billy, George, Mrs Sadler and Ms Ritchie.

Some of the ideas that came out of this meeting include:

- \* People might be confused now about what can be recycled and where
- \* Plastic is convenient so how do we change people's behaviour?
- \* Things are being 'over packaged'
- \* The issue is 'too big' and overwhelming.

Some of the solutions include:

- \* Give people information about how to reduce their plastics
- \* Advertise on Facebook - where paper and tins are being collected to take to the Drysdale recycling station
- \* Making re-usable produce bags with enviro team
- \* Having 'wash stations' for crockery and cutlery at events
- \* Tip of the week in the school newsletter
- \* Bring back waxed paper milk cartons
- \* Introduce 'family pledges' at our school

Thanks to those who came along.

Next meeting - Term 4 - Stay tuned!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
<b>Term 3</b>		
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>		<b>Sports Colours Day</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	2.30pm	End of term 3
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>9.00am-1.00pm</b>	<b>Spring Working Bee</b>
<b>Term 4</b>		
<b>MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<b>8.50am</b>	<b>Term 4 Commences – WEARING OF HATS COMPULSORY</b>
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct		Swimming – Whole School - Splashdown
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>6-8pm</b>	<b>Michael Carr-Gregg and Andrea Downie</b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>8am</b>	Walk to School – Breakfast at Camp Wyuna
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October		Dental Screening
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>2-3pm</b>	Prep/1 Outdoor Learning
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October		Trivia Night.
Monday 21-25 October		Water Week/Enviro Week
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am 2-3 pm	Mission Day Mass Mission Day Activities

### Grade 2 Author Study Extravaganza





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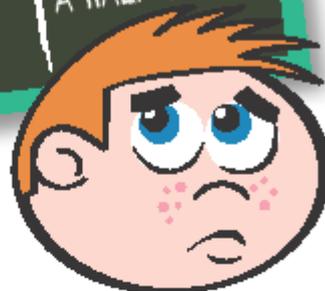
Plastic Pollution Solutions  
 TIP OF THE WEEK  
 Buy and use "all paper" cotton tips (buds) enclosed in cardboard packets instead of those with a plastic shaft. They are much better for the environment and won't end up polluting the ocean.  
 Paper brands include:  
 KMart brand  
 Simply Gentle Organic  
 and Biome



# EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	over 13 years of schooling. that's....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly HALF A YEAR
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Nearly 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 YEAR
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 AND A HALF YEARS
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2 AND A HALF YEARS



Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?



That's when every minute counts the most!



St Aloysius,  
Queenscliff presents



# DR MICHAEL CARR-GREGG AND ANDREA DOWNIE

'Raising resilient and adaptable young people - creating optimal conditions for well-being'

**October 10th at 7pm / St Aloysius Parish Hall**

Join us for drinks and nibbles in the school from 6pm

Booking essential:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/545513>

# QUEENSLIFF TENNIS CLUB

TENNIS COACHING - STARTS THURSDAY 10th OCT - 4pm onwards

HOT SHOTS 5yrs to 12yrs  
TEEN COACHING 13yrs to 17yrs  
ADULT COACHING

For more Information Contact Julie Golightly  
(M) 0418 145028





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## Keep the Date Free. A Day with Maria Forde, Sunday 13th October

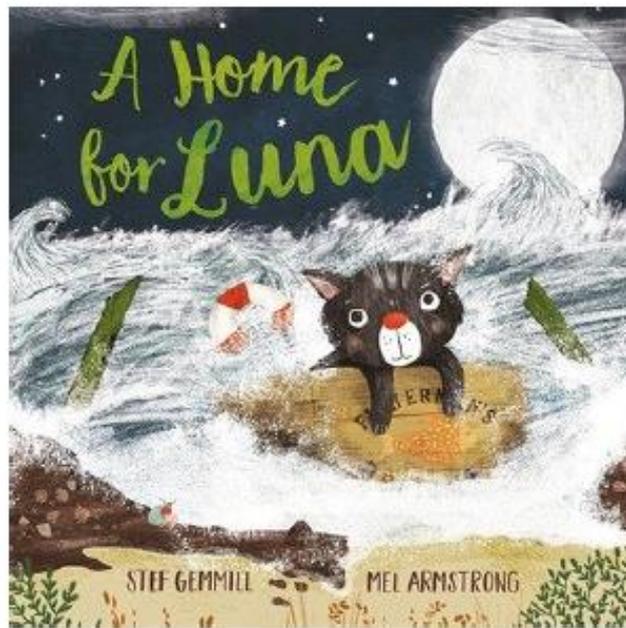


We will welcome Maria Forde to help us celebrate the 9am Mass in Ocean Grove, followed straight afterwards by presentations at OLSS school, wrapping up our day by 3pm. Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided.

An Irish Australian, Maria will be known to many of you, regularly appearing at festivals, including the Celtic Festival in Portarlington. Maria is well known in the Catholic community, giving retreats & sacramental presentations, as her website attests. If you would like to be enriched in your understanding of our Catholic story, you are invited to join in this day as Maria uses the gift of music and a wealth of experience gained in the area of liturgy to both engage and inspire us.

Any enquires, and for catering purposes if you intend coming, please contact Kerin Fox, 0407 519 585, or [foxeskb@gmail.com](mailto:foxeskb@gmail.com).

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The Bookshop at Queenscliff is starting school holidays with a fabulous event for children aged 8 and under.

*A Home for Luna*, written by Stef Gemmill and illustrated by Mel Armstrong, is a gentle story about a homeless cat washed up on a strange shore. Luna is scared and lonely but soon finds beauty and friendship in this challenging new place.

This beautifully illustrated story sensitively introduces issues around homelessness, relationships and adapting to change.

Stef will read her story, followed by drawing, colouring-in and origami activities. Books will be available to purchase, and Stef would be delighted to inscribe them with personal dedications.

**Where:** The Bookshop at Queenscliff, 84 Hesse Street Queenscliff

**When:** Saturday 21 September, 11:00am

**Bookings:** This is a free event, but RSVPs would be appreciated by emailing [info@thebookshopatqueenscliff.com](mailto:info@thebookshopatqueenscliff.com), or calling 52584496



## THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR AND FRIENDS

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The very hungry caterpillar and friends are roaming the library. Join them for stories, songs and games, and then create your own Eric Carle inspired creature.

**Thursday 26 September**

Queenscliff

10:30-11:30am

**BOOK NOW!**

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# Choir Director

Tides of Welcome  
Community Choir



are looking for a  
new choir director

The Tides of Welcome Community Choir are seeking a music professional for the position of Choir Director.

Experience in music performance and choir direction highly preferred.

Rehearsals are held in Queenscliff on a week night during school terms.

To obtain a Position Description contact Carolyn Williams, 5258 3367 or [gnhouse@fastmail.fm](mailto:gnhouse@fastmail.fm)

Applications addressing the selection criteria close November 4<sup>th</sup> 2019.