

29 February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Friday is *World Day of Prayer*. Momentum for this day has grown since its early beginnings in New York in 1887, to now connect countries and people from across the world. It is ecumenical, meaning that it is a focus shared across different Christian churches and not just related to being Catholic. The day aims to bring people together in awareness of other countries and cultures, especially those living in isolation. On this day, the world prays together for countries and encourages women to offer and use their talents to better society. Women across the world have driven this global action of prayer.

Each year a different country is given the responsibility of organising a theme and a prayer service. This year it is Palestine's turn and they have prepared the prayer based on the theme, "*I beg you... bear with one another in love*" (Ephesians Ch 4: 4-5). A shared prayer seeking greater love for others is needed in our world today, given that war continues to devastate lives in multiple locations.

Palestinian artist, Halima Aziz, has prepared a beautiful artwork for use in the 2024 prayer services across the globe. It shows three women praying together. The symbols in the image are:

- Olive trees - symbolising everlasting and abundant life
- Golden roots – underlining rights and freedom for Palestinians
- Poppy flowers – reminiscent of the lives given for the country
- Palestinian dresses/white scarf – represent the Palestinian people, their art and their history
- Keys (around the neck) – symbolising hope of the return to Palestine

On this *World Day of Prayer*, we unite with the world to pray for the needs of others, especially those in Palestine.



Thank you to our families who have made donations to our Easter raffle by sending in eggs and returning raffle tickets. While our students are very much looking forward to the bumper raffle draw with the hope of winning a stash of chocolate, the students of St Mary's, Uganda, are very much looking forward to the announcement that we will send money to pay for their maize lunch on days that they attend school. Our students rush to our Canteen every day, which fills them with joy as they access food that is nutritious and flavoursome; this sense of joy is felt no differently for children across the world, it is just harder for them to access the food. At the mid-point of preparing for our raffle, we sincerely thank you for supporting our fundraising so far.



**TERM ONE
COMPASSION ACTION**

SUPPORT ST MARY'S FEEDING PROGRAM

DONATE AN EGG

TAKE TO MAIN RECEPTION BY MON 25 MARCH

SELL RAFFLE TIX

RETURN TIX AND \$\$ TO MAIN RECEPTION
BY WED 27 MARCH

**WIN EASTER EGGS!
RAFFLE DRAWN... 28 APRIL**

SUPPORT CARITAS VIA PROJECT COMPASSION

DONATE VIA QR CODE
OR THE BOX IN
COMMUNITY GROUP



We also thank those who have contributed to Project Compassion via online or 'in-box' donations. During Lent, a donation equivalent to one cup of coffee makes a big difference to communities supported by Caritas. We will continue to promote this 'Giving activity', alongside the St Mary's Feeding Program, for the duration of Term One.



Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who participated in yesterday's swimming carnival at Kardinia Aquatic Centre. It was wonderful to see the students giving their best efforts to each event they entered. Thank you to Mr M Herbison, Mrs Lofts, the PE staff, and all staff who assisted in various ways in ensuring the success of the carnival. Francis House was the valiant winner on the day with 512 points.



Congratulations to the following Age Group Champions from the Swimming Carnival:

Year 7: Banjo Condon, Maeve Timms & Gabrielle Sullivan

Year 8: Elliot Sullivan & Lilly Clark

Year 9: Charlie Parker, Aurora Aldersley & Bondi Condon

Year 10: Jimmy Reilly & Layla McInnes

Year 11: Xander Vahland & Ava Tadich



Maths @ Iona

Kangourou Sans Frontiere Maths Competition

Thank you to all the parents who have signed their young person up for the upcoming Maths Competition. Please note that registrations have now closed.

Family Challenge

We love to encourage students to talk about mathematics with their family! You may like to try the maths game "[Nerdle](#)" at home. It's a fun and accessible game, much like a mathematical version of Wordle! You could challenge each other to see who can complete the puzzle in the least moves!

Ms Louise Keating
Learning Area Leader (Maths & Numeracy)

Art Department News

Year 11 Art Making and Exhibiting

Our Year 11 Art Making and Exhibiting students are currently working through the process of dry point etching. Dry point etching involves scratching out a design on to thin plastic, then pressing ink into the engraved area, removing the excess ink and then using a press to imprint the image onto paper.



Art Student Highlight

This week, we're highlighting a Year 11 student Cameron Frame. We've loved observing Cameron's progress in this subject and eagerly anticipate the development of his folio in the weeks to come. Here are some glimpses of his folio, but you can [view the entire collection online](#).



- cracked with colourful dots
 - "bloody" tones
 - bright Lilliputian eyes
 - cracked almost "cracked" texture
 - paint
 - fineliner
 - watercolor
 - texta

I think that this artwork still has multiple layers in order to create a deeper layered effect

Bright bold colors contrasted with mostly intricate patterns above



this is my interpretation of a section of the artwork on the left. For this I began with some very light watercolor to ensure that there was no white paper showing through. I continued working with different mediums including markers, Posca's, fine lines, and colored pencil until I got the 3D & chaotic appearance I was going for. The very last thing I did was add sporadic dots of opaque colour with Posca's. I think the original work may have used a flicking method but as I was doing this in my bedroom I stuck with the marker option.

As you can see here I believe the unique flowing colors may be the result of watercolor. I found that more colors of the colored pencils and I think it gave a similar effect.

the streaks in this work were made by flicking droplets of watercolor across the work.

Clean Up Australia Day

This Sunday 3rd of March is Clean Up Australia Day, and what better way to take action than to come together as a community and clean up our environment? On the Clean Up Australia website, there are many different 'clean ups' available for anyone to join, or you can register your own in a place you feel needs tidying. In the Mount Duneed estate, there are gloves and rubbish bags at Club Armstrong for collection until Friday at 4 pm, and there will be a skip located around the Club Armstrong carpark for full bags. Let's work together to make a difference in our communities!

Naomi Rijnvis
Environment Student Leader Team

Iona Meet the Team



The graphic features the Iona College Geelong logo in the top left corner. Below it, the text 'IONA MEET THE TEAM' is displayed in white on a blue rectangular background. Underneath, 'JUSTIN PREIATO' is written in blue. A yellow box contains the text 'ICT Network and Systems Administrator'. At the bottom, a quote reads: "Embrace challenges, stay curious, and persevere." To the right of the text is a circular portrait of Justin Preiato, a young man with short brown hair, wearing a light blue button-down shirt, smiling against a blue background.

Meet Justin Preiato, a dedicated member of the Iona IT Team, where he can use his passion for technology and innovation.

Justin's journey into ICT (Information and Communication Technology) was driven by his fascination with technology from a young age. His curiosity and interest in tinkering with tech gadgets paved the way for his career in ICT.

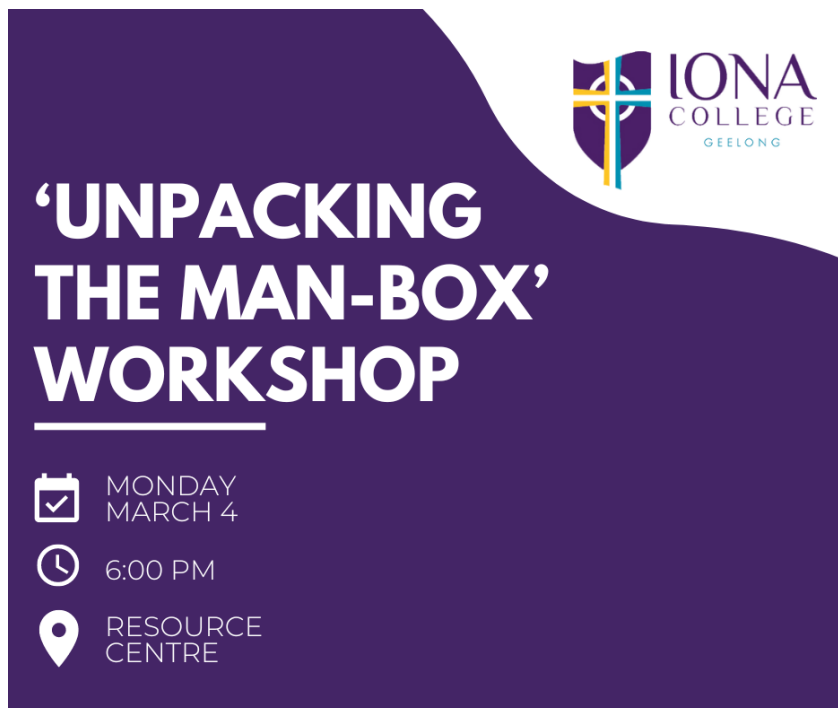
Justin decided to join the Iona Team as he was struck by the college's innovative approach to education and the opportunity to contribute to Iona College's growth and development.

As an ICT team member, Justin enjoys enabling others through technology and ensuring seamless operations across Iona College.


Outside of work, Justin has a much-loved French Bulldog named Ivy, who brings joy and laughter to him each day. He's a loyal supporter of the Carlton footy team. His favourite band is Blink-182 and his favourite series is "The Office" (USA).


His words of wisdom for our students were "Every setback is a chance to learn, and every achievement reflects your dedication. Believe in yourself, pursue your passions and make a positive impact." Justin, thanks for already being such a stellar ICT team member! We're thrilled to have you on board.


Unpacking the Man Box Workshop Reminder




The graphic is a purple rectangle with a white wave-like border on the right side. In the top right corner, there is a small version of the Iona College Geelong logo. The main text is in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below the title, there are three icons: a calendar, a clock, and a location pin, each followed by text.


**‘UNPACKING
THE MAN-BOX’
WORKSHOP**

 MONDAY
MARCH 4

 6:00 PM

 RESOURCE
CENTRE

Iona was fortunate to be selected to participate in the Healthier Masculinities Action Project in 2023. As part of this initiative, we are offering all Iona parents/carers the opportunity to attend a workshop titled **‘Unpacking the Man Box’** this Monday, March 4th, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Iona College Resource Centre.

Facilitated by Drew Hanger from Jesuit Social Services, this workshop will explore:

- Exploring pressures on boys and young men to conform to certain behaviours.
- Understanding the impacts and potential harms of these pressures.
- Discussing strategies to promote healthier behaviours and attitudes.
- Building awareness and fostering open conversations to develop healthier identities.

If you'd like to attend please [RSVP online](#). As this workshop is run by outside facilitators the workshop will not be recorded or live-streamed.

Dates to Remember in 2024

Date	Event
Wednesday 31 January	Year 7 and New Year 8-11 Students Commence
Wednesday 31 January	Year 7 & New Year 8-11 Students Smoking Ceremony - No Formal Uniform Required
Thursday 1 February	Year 8-11 Students Start
Thursday 1 February	Whole School Assembly - No Formal Uniform Required
Tuesday 6 February	Beginning of School Mass - Formal Uniform
Thursday 8 February	School Photo Day - Formal Uniform
Tuesday 13 February	School Photo Catch Up Day
Wednesday 14 February	Ash Wednesday Whole School Assembly - Formal Uniform
Wednesday 14 February	Year 8, 9 & 10 'In-Person' Parent Community Group Welcome Evening - 5:15 pm -7 pm
Thursday 15 February	Year 7 & 11 'In-Person' Parent Community Group Welcome Evening - 5:15 pm -7 pm
Wednesday 28 February	Swimming Carnival - Kardinia Aquatic Centre
Monday 4 March	Year 7 -11 'In-Person' Parent Session - Man Box with Drew Hanger, Resource Centre 6 - 7:30 pm
Monday 11 March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Thursday 14 March	Summer Soiree
Wednesday 20 March	Student Progress Meetings
Friday 22 March	Student Free Day - Professional Development
Monday 25 March	Lunchtime Concert
Tuesday 26 March	Eltham High School Concert Band Visit
Tuesday 26 March	Student Progress Meetings
Wednesday 27 March	Athletics Carnival - Landy Field
Thursday 28 March	Last Day of Term - 2:05 pm
Tuesday 16 April	Term 2 Begins

Thanks for your support,

Damian, Kylie and Melissa