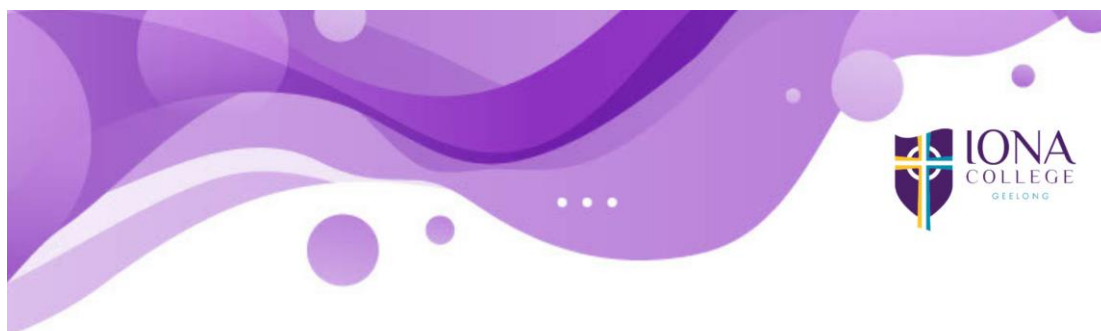


7 March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The coming week is one of celebration at Iona. Tomorrow, the first of our celebrations takes place, with recognition of women on International Women's Day. On this day, we join with others from across the world, to focus on women and 'Inspire Inclusion'. We celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women, continue our efforts to educate and raise awareness about women's equality, we advocate for positive change to advance women and we seek gender parity. Our world is better when women are included, feel a sense of belonging and are empowered by being heard. To the women of our Iona community, we wish you a Happy International Women's Day!

In honour of the remarkable women in our community and worldwide, [here's a short video](#) commemorating International Women's Day from Iona:



Happy International Women's Day

#IWD2024
#InspireInclusion

Next week, alongside all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, we celebrate Catholic Education Week. We have plenty to celebrate in our Catholic schools - our committed and inspiring staff who are dedicated to their students, our young people who fill our classrooms with enthusiasm, creativity and eagerness to learn, and our parents who entrust us with their care of their children. During Catholic Education Week, we celebrate our identity and give thanks to all members of our Catholic community for all that they contribute to our wonderful school.

Families may enjoy a visit to St Patrick's Cathedral in East Melbourne during the upcoming school holidays. The Cathedral is magnificent and currently the home of a new exhibition showcasing 24 pop art portraits by Cologne-based artist Barbara Skorupa. The exhibition features the faces of women from around the world who have lived lives of faith and made contributions in the areas of medicine, health and education. The collection includes our College patrons St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Dr Sr Mary Glowrey, alongside other Australian women, Eileen O'Connor and the lesser-known Josephite Sister Mary La Mercy Mahoney, who was the congregational leader of the Josephites at the time of Mary MacKillop's death. The portrait

series came about after the artist visited Australia around the time of Mary MacKillop’s canonisation and became “very impressed” with her story.

Melbourne Archbishop Peter A Comensoli recently launched the exhibition with many of those in attendance from religious orders and organisations set up by the women featured in the exhibition. Also present were family members of Dr Sr Mary Glowrey, the world’s first “doctor-sister”. Sr Glowrey lived in East Melbourne while studying and working as a doctor at the Royal Melbourne Eye and Ear Hospital and St Vincent’s Hospital. An outing to this exhibition is well suited to lovers of architecture, art and history.

Great Women of Faith

Portrait Exhibition by Barbara Skorupa



1-10 MARCH 2024
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL - 1 CATHEDRAL PLACE, EAST MELBOURNE

OPENING TIMES:	FRIDAY 1 MARCH: 9am - 12 noon; 4-6pm SATURDAY 2 MARCH: 9.30-11.30am; 1-2pm; 3-4pm; 5-6pm SUNDAY 3 MARCH: 1-2pm; 3-4pm; 5-6pm	MONDAY 4 MARCH - WED 6 MARCH (each day): 9am to 12 noon; 2-5pm THURSDAY 7 MARCH: 9am to 12 noon FRIDAY 8 MARCH: 9am to 12 noon; 2-5pm SATURDAY 9 MARCH: 9.30-11.30am; 1.30-3.30pm SUNDAY 10 MARCH: 2-6pm
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For updates and details: www.maryglowreymuseum.info/Exhibition

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St Mary's Feeding Program Appeal

We are really hopeful that our fundraising for St Mary's Uganda might reach \$5000 this year. We have reassured Fr Emma of our commitment to this amount so that the Feeding Program is secured for the children of St Mary's Primary School. If each of our Iona students donated the equivalent of \$5, we would achieve this goal.

We encourage families to sell their raffle tickets and return them with money to Main Reception. Please remember to drop an Easter egg in the shopping trolley to add to our raffle hampers. Last year, our raffle was spiced up by some unexpected donations of 'non-chocolate prizes' from families and friends of the College. If you have the capacity to donate something extra for the raffle, these will be gratefully received and promoted. Not everyone loves chocolate, but maybe another prize might entice them to buy a ticket in the bumper raffle.

Monetary contributions can also be made through our online canteen. Simply jump onto the [Online Canteen](#), navigate to the Iona College Fundraising tab and select the amount you would like to donate.



The impact that small donations make a huge difference to children who are keen to learn yet face the barrier of hunger on a daily basis.

Booking Student Progress Meetings

Bookings for the Student Progress meetings, scheduled for Wednesday March 20th and Wednesday 26th of March, are now open. To assist you in the booking process, we've created a convenient [how-to guide with step-by-step instructions](#). Please take a moment to review the guide to book your Student Progress Meetings.

NAPLAN, 2024

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for Years 7 and 9 students will be conducted at Iona next week on the mornings of Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th and Friday 15th of March. For any student absent on these days, catch-up tests will be running over the course of Week 8 of the term.

NAPLAN tests are designed to assess student knowledge and skills in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals and can be used to improve student achievement.

Later in the year, parents/carers will receive their child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in each of the aforementioned areas. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards.

Our NAPLAN tests in 2024 will be conducted online. **It is essential that students have earphones for these tests**, so please check that your young person has earphones. If they do not have earphones on the day of the test, there will be a \$5 charge for a replacement set.

Please note that **students are not permitted Bluetooth headphones** for the tests, as these tend not to work with the NAPLAN online platform.

We are confident that the information you receive as a result of your child's participation in the NAPLAN tests will be valuable in helping you assess your child's progress in literacy and numeracy.

For more information about NAPLAN Online, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au.

Steve Parker
Head of Learning and Innovation

Summer Soiree

It's time for our Summer Soiree – don't miss the chance to be serenaded by our talented Iona students on 14 March in the Stadium starting at 6 pm.



Maths @ Iona

You may have noticed that your young person has two exercise books for maths. One is the grid book, this is for completing set questions. The other is a lined book. This lined book is an important resource that our maths students are going to develop over their years here at Iona.

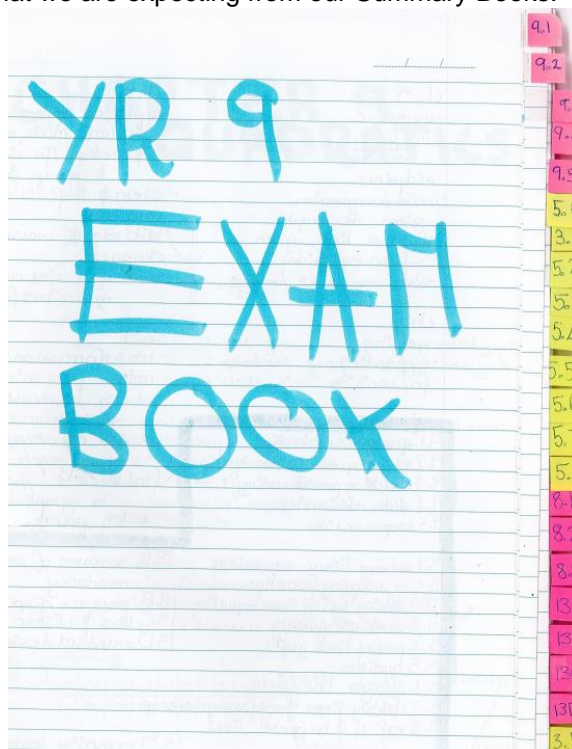
The lined book is a “Summary Book”. This is where we get our students to put all their important notes for each topic, alongside some examples. The Summary Book is individual to each student and it needs to be in language that they themselves understand. The example questions need to reflect the content and be usefully written to aid the user.

The creation of a quality Summary Book is a skill that we really value at Iona. Not only does it help students cement their learning, by explaining concepts in their own words, but it aids as an allowed resource in some of our assessments and testing. In Year 12, students are allowed a Summary Book in some of their exams and school assessed work, so we encourage all students from Year 7 upwards to practice this skill.

The Summary Book should have easy to decipher headings and be well set out with various rules and examples. We know that for some students it may seem onerous to adopt a colourful heading and write a neat explanation. But it is important! As well as the key knowledge and problem-solving/investigative skills that we develop in maths, we also want to prepare our students to utilise any advantage that they can in showing us (and in the future External Examiners) their understanding and learning.

The Summary Book is a resource for ALL students from Years 7 all the way through to our students who complete Unit 3 and 4 subjects. You may like to ask your child to share with you their Summary Book and support them in helping to create a valuable resource.

Here is an example of what we are expecting from our Summary Books:



SKETCHING PARABOLAS USING TRANSFORMATION

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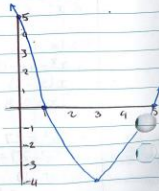
- y intercept (let $x=0$)
- x intercept (let $y=0$ & solve)
- axis of symmetry
 $(x = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2})$
- turning point (sub the x value from 3.)

- when a number is like 2 or 3 it will make the parabola skinnier.
- negative numbers flip the parabola
- fractions make the parabola fatter.

dilation - determines if the parabola is skinny or fat.
 $2x(x=3) = 0$ (number in front of x)
negatives - flip the parabola upside down.
 $(x-h)^2$ - moves the graph horizontally
i.e. $(x-1)^2 \rightarrow 1$ (1)
 $(x+1)^2 \leftarrow 1$ (-1)
vertical $(c-k)$ - moves the graph up or down
i.e. $x^2+1 \uparrow 1$
 $x^2-1 \downarrow 1$

eg sketch $y=x^2-6x+5$
 $y \rightarrow y=0^2-6x+5 = 5$ (0,5)
 $x \rightarrow 0 = x^2-6x+5$
 $-5 = x^2-6x$ (5,0) (1,0)
 $-5 \div -1 = 5$ $x=5 \neq 1$
 $\text{Ans} \rightarrow x = \frac{5+1}{2} = 3$

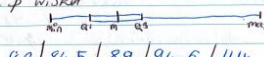
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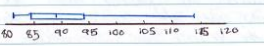
CH13C BOX & WISKER PLOTS

5-point summary
minimum | Q_1 | median | Q_3 | maximum

box & whisker



eg. 82 | 84.5 | 89 | 94.5 | 114

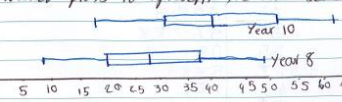


standard deviation on calculator
data, then enter data & continue

equation questions for 13C
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8 6 5 2 0	4	1 2 5 8 8 9 9	
	5	0 3 5 7 8	
	6	0 0 3	

using a calculator or otherwise, construct a pair of parallel box & whisker plots to represent the two sets of data.



Ms Lou Keating
Learning Area Leader (Maths & Numeracy)

2024 Athletics Day

We are pleased to announce the upcoming Athletics Day at Landy Field scheduled for Wednesday, March 27th. The day promises to be filled with fun, competition and camaraderie as our students come together to showcase their athletic talents and House spirit.

In the spirit of maximizing student participation and ensuring a day filled with active enjoyment, we have a few important reminders regarding attire. It is essential that students wear clothing appropriate for completing athletic events. We're asking students to come dressed in either:

- School Sport Uniform.
- School Sport uniform with a Touch of House Colour.
- Casual Clothes fit for active participation in House Colours: Please note this excludes wearing denim on the day.

We believe that adherence to these attire guidelines will not only ensure the safety and comfort of our students but also add to the vibrant atmosphere of the event. Let's see those House colours shine bright as we cheer on our athletes!

To ensure a smooth and hassle-free experience, please be informed that students will be bused directly to Landy Field. For those students arriving at Lona College by car or by other measures, we provide a bus service to transport them to and from the track. We ask that the students who are travelling from the campus arrive by 8.50 am to ensure we can have the Athletics start on time.

It's important to emphasize that Athletics Day isn't just about competition; it's about participation, teamwork and fun. Regardless of skill level, we encourage every student to get involved, support their House, and help build a culture of having a go.

Please also note that this event is a whole day experience. For students who have VET in the afternoon measures will be made to facilitate your student arriving at their destination however all other students need to remain at Landy Field for the day.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Mr Craig Durran
Head of Positive Behaviours

GISSA Update

GISSA Sport is well underway for Term 1! The Year 7s have been on rotation each Wed afternoon (around the Swimming and Athletics carnivals), while selected students across Years 9,10 and 11 have participated in various sports competing against other schools.



A special mention to the following medalists listed below:

GISSA Triathlon – Ava Tadich, Harry Nelson, Lila Tadich



GISSA Senior Girls Cricket – Madi Brady

GISSA Inter Boys Cricket – Hudson O’Leary



GISSA Tennis – Thomas Smith



First Aid Update



Thank you to all the parents/carers for taking the time to fill out the documentation required should your young person have any medical conditions in 2024 (I know it's a lot).

Over the next 2 weeks, I will be reaching out to parents/carers again of students with medical needs to complete the required documentation. This communication will provide us with an opportunity to discuss any concerns, address questions, and ensure that I have a comprehensive understanding of your young person's health requirements. This will allow Iona to provide support while your young person is at school and is especially important when planning for the upcoming school camps.

It is essential that a parent/carer of any students diagnosed with the following conditions return the following documentation:

Asthma

- 2024 Asthma Action Plan (please upload to Simon)

Over the coming weeks, an 'Asthma Student Support Plan' will be emailed out in DocuSign format. Parents/carers must complete this form as soon as possible.

Anaphylaxis

- ASCIA Action Plan (please upload to Simon)
- Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan (please upload to Simon)

Epilepsy

- Epilepsy Action Plan
- Epilepsy Student Support Plan

If you are having any issues uploading these plans to Simon please contact Main Reception or email medical@iona.vic.edu.au.

Kate Every
College Nurse

Chrissie McPhan
Medical Support Officer

Surf Coast Neighbourhood Policing Forum

Victoria Police is holding a 'Surf Coast Victoria Police 2024 Neighbourhood Policing forum'. The forum welcomes local services and community members to talk with police about what is important in your community. Please note that registering to attend is a must.

Victoria Police

Surf Coast Neighbourhood Policing Forum



VICTORIA POLICE

The Victoria Police Neighbourhood Policing Forum welcomes local services and community members to talk with police about what issues are important in your community.

The forum will explore topics including:

- Current crime trends and crime prevention
- Young people
- Family violence
- Road policing
- Drugs and drug related crime.

The Neighbourhood Policing Forum will be run by a Victoria Police panel and questions will be taken from the audience throughout the event.

Refreshments will be offered. If there are any dietary requirements, please include them in your registration.

Registration is a must. To attend, please register by sending your details to
SURF_COAST-DI-OIC@police.vic.gov.au

or scan the QR code.

Event details

Date:
14th March 2024

Time:
9:30am – 12:30pm
(Doors open 9:15am)

Location:
Torquay Surf Lifesaving Club
Surf Beach Drive,
Torquay



Scan here to register your attendance



Got a question for police?

Scan the QR code to submit prior to the forum



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School Photos

Our annual school photos are now ready to order. Arthur Reed Photos uses an online ordering system where you can view your photos before ordering. On or near photo day all students received a flyer which includes a code unique to them. You will require this 2024 code to register online and view your photos.

If you have already registered, you will receive an email or SMS from Arthur Reed Photos with a link to view your photos. If you have not yet registered, please go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your code to complete your order. If you have misplaced your registration code, please contact the Arthur Reed Photos customer service team directly on 5243 4390 (option 1) or customerservice@arphotos.com.au.

All photo packages will be sent directly to your nominated address, so please ensure that you enter the correct details and nominated shipping address upon checkout.

If you require any assistance ordering your photos, please contact Arthur Reed Photos directly on 5243 4390 (option 1) or email customerservice@arphotos.com.au

Canteen Volunteers

We are still looking for volunteers to assist in the Iona canteen. If you are willing to give some time to volunteer, please [complete this online form](#). Once you have completed the form, you will receive more information on how to become a volunteer. If you have already completed the form, no need to complete it again, please check your emails, including junk mail for further instructions from compliance@iona.vic.edu.au. A current Working With Children Check (Volunteer) is required. A big thanks to those who are already volunteering!

Canteen New Weekly Specials

Our new weekly canteen menu (starting on Tuesday 12 March) is out and we're excited:

Tuesday: Japanese vegetable omelette

Wednesday: Beef meatballs sub in Napoli sauce with cheese and south west sauce

Thursday: Pulled beef, Mexican rice and cheese burrito with salsa and sour cream

Friday: Beef burger with fried onion, pickles, chilli jam, spinach, tomato and cheese with ranch sauce

A vegetarian special will be available every day alongside the specials above.

Reporting Absences/Leaving Early/Arriving Late

School attendance is a high priority at Iona. We request that parents/carers take note of how to report late arrivals, early departures and absences to make the transition to and from school as easy as possible and for accurate attendance reporting.

For **late arrivals**, parents/carers should use the PAM system to report the expected arrival time along with an explanation. Students arriving after 9.00 am are required to sign in at Student Reception. At this point, students will be required to hand their mobile phones in.

Should a student need to **leave early** during the school day, parents/carers will need to enter the early departure information into PAM, specifying the time the student will leave and the reason for the early

departure. Students are required to sign out at the Main Reception. Parents/carers are encouraged to call Reception upon arrival in the school carpark.

In cases of absence, parents/carers are required to notify the school. This can be done via the PAM system by selecting 'Add absence' and specifying 'All day' or 'Multi-day' absence periods.

If unable to log the absence through PAM, parents/carers should call Reception to advise of the absence or email attendance@iona.vic.edu.au.

Geelong-Viqueque Friendship Schools – Trivia

Please see below information regarding an upcoming Trivia night to celebrate the ongoing friendship between Geelong and Viqueque in Timor Leste, the major fundraiser to support education in Viqueque. If you are interested in joining in on the fun please [book your tickets online](#).



Geelong-Viqueque Friendship Schools

Invite you to the 2024 Trivia Night



To be held at Clonard College May 10
Entrance via Murphy's Lane Herne Hill

ABOUT
Trivia Night celebrating the ongoing friendship between Geelong and Viqueque in Timor Leste, our major fundraiser to support education in Viqueque.
Once again, professional quiz masters Mick and Erin will lead the fun and the trivia.
BYO drinks, glasses and food.
\$35 per adult/\$20 per student
Live Auction and raffle.

DATE
Friday 10 May 2024 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Book online now at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CPMDA>



juliew@geelong-viqueque.com.au (GVFS Secretary)

Iona Students and the Music Man Production



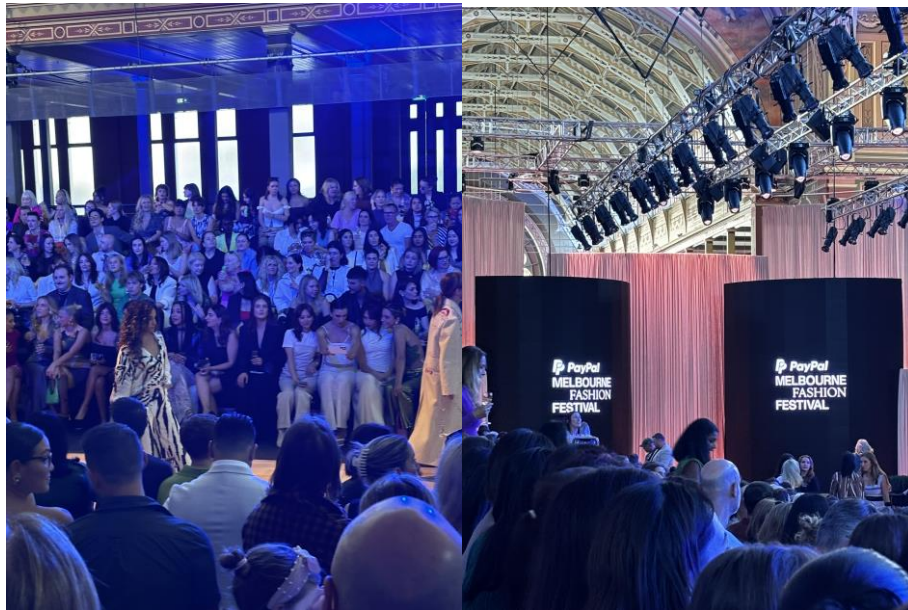
Wishing Amelia, Magdalena, Devi and Emerson good luck with their involvement in the upcoming production – The Music Man.

Set against the backdrop of Midwestern America, this classic musical tale of love, laughter, and redemption will leave you tapping your feet and singing along. Featuring iconic songs such as "Seventy-Six Trombones," "Till There Was You," and "Ya Got Trouble," The Music Man is a true Broadway masterpiece that has captured the hearts of audiences for generations. Don't miss the chance to experience the magic live on stage as our talented cast brings these beloved songs to life!

If you're interested in coming along tickets [can now be purchased online](#).

Art Department News

Our Year 11 Product and Design Technology Fibre students had the exciting opportunity to attend the Melbourne Fashion Festival. This highly anticipated event was an inspiration for our students as they start working on their upcoming projects. Witnessing the work of Australia's design trailblazers and hearing international success was truly memorable for our Year 11s.



Year 10 Visual and Digital Art – i-create students had the chance to explore impressionism, by painting outside or “en plein air” where they are able to make direct observations and interpretations of the landscape and borrow colour from what is seen whilst painting. A great chance to get out of the classroom and enjoy the sunshine whilst being creative.



Iona Meet the Team



Meet Kiran Jagpal, a passionate Physics teacher who finds the intricacies of science fascinating. Kiran's journey into teaching was fueled by her love for Physics and her desire to share that passion with students (fun fact – Kiran studied astrophysics before studying to become a teacher!). She believes in the power of education to inspire and empower young minds.

Kiran decided to join the Iona team as she was drawn to the warm and supportive community of staff and students. For Kiran, the most rewarding aspect of being a teacher is witnessing those magical 'light bulb' moments when students grasp complex concepts and truly enjoy learning.

Outside of the classroom, Kiran enjoys spending time with her family. She and her husband, both English, have two children—a 5-year-old boy and a 3-year-old girl. She is a proud supporter of the Geelong Cats (obviously).

Kiran's favourite bands include the Foo Fighters and Stereophonics and her favourite movies are the Hunger Games Series. Kiran's hidden talents include her being a runner and completing a marathon (wow) and her unique talent of touching her nose with her tongue.

In her spare time, Kiran enjoys outdoor activities such as running, bush-walking and beach outings. She also enjoys catching up with friends.

Kiran's words of wisdom for the student body echo the sentiment of self-acceptance and individuality, inspired by the Aussie rock band Burger Joint: "Be yourself, don't follow nobody else."

Kiran, we're looking forward to exploring the world of astrophysics with you and seeing your passion for science flow into our students' lives.

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

A reminder that this coming Friday 11 March is the Labour Day Public Holiday and as such, there will be no school on this day.

Thanks for your support,

Damian, Kylie and Melissa