


**5 September 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Humans are meant to be in relationships with others. This doesn't change from the time of our birth through to the time of death. We grow individually and communally, and we enrich the lives of others as we interact in our daily lives. We still need time alone, to reflect, to have peace and just to have a break from our interactions, and through this time-out we are refreshed for the new day and the next moment of connection. Iona is a bustling place, enriched by our students, staff, parents and the wider community, and we are fortunate to belong to a community where relationships are prioritised. As we journey each day on our quest of "learning to change the world", we invest in relationships that bring us together as the community of Iona.

Our Francis House Patron, Pope Francis, at the age of 87 years, is currently undertaking the longest foreign trip of his papacy. His 32,000km trip, in these first two weeks of September, will take him to Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and Singapore. Pope Francis is visiting these countries, where the majority of people are very poor so that he can be present and sustain relationships with those who are attracted to Jesus and the Gospel, even in the midst of war, persecution, conflict and poverty. Pope Francis constantly calls Catholics to go out to the "peripheries", "to get off the couch", to lace their boots and to walk, and in doing so "to leave a mark" on the world. Despite his advanced age, he seeks to bring culturally and religiously diverse people together, based on the conviction that we are *Fratelli tutti*, meaning all brothers and sisters. We keep Pope Francis in our prayers as he makes his way on his journey and we also pray for people of the countries that he will visit who will experience great joy in knowing that the leader of the Catholic Church seeks their hospitality and friendship.


### Renaming of Nazareth Parish



## Nazareth Catholic Parish Rename

The parish has received your submissions and a team has now shortlisted this to 5 potential names for renaming our parish. Please take the time to carefully read through each suggestion before selecting your preference.

Submit your preference here>  
<https://forms.gle/UX6DB5cTFiN4asPd6>



Our school is located in Nazareth Parish, which has seen significant changes over many years. In light of these changes, the Parish Leadership Team is leading a process to rename the Parish so that it more closely represents the structure and ethos of the entire Parish.

In summary, the Parish has been known as Nazareth Parish or Grovedale Parish since 1980, when the expanding area of Grovedale and the existing community of St. Therese Torquay were joined (Torquay was previously serviced by the Parish of Belmont.). A third community of St. Christopher's Anglesea was included in the Parish in the late 1990's when Winchelsea and Bannockburn were separated to join Meredith Parish. Recently the community of Armstrong Creek, which is also part of the Parish, has grown significantly. The Parish now includes four Catholic Primary schools, with a fifth to open at Mount Duneed (Mary Glowrey Catholic Primary School) in 2026, and Iona College (a Diocesan secondary school) which opened in 2020.

The Parish Leadership Team, through a process of consultation, have shortlisted five potential names for the Parish and now invites members of the community to nominate their preferred name. [Please read through each suggestion carefully before selecting your preference.](#) This survey closes at the end of September.

#### Supporting Families – 'Where You Can Eat Guide'

Last Friday, as part of our Staff Formation Day, staff attended various presentations to hear about the work of Social Justice agencies that identify the needs of those who are vulnerable and who respond with care and support. Over time, our community will hear more about this day and be shared in some of the 'takeaways'. Give Where You Live, a philanthropic organization which supports the good works of many agencies in our local community, including Samaritan House, Lazarus Community Centre, The Outpost and Feed Geelong, [shared a resource that may be useful to our families and friends of our families – 'Where You Can Eat Guide' – please share this to your networks as needed.](#)

#### 2 Weeks Until Columba Day – The Countdown is On



Columba Day is just around the corner! In just two weeks, on September 20th, we'll be coming together for a day of festivities and fun. Here is more of a rundown of what you need to know:

#### What Uniform is required?

Students have the option to come dressed in colourful fancy dress for the day. If your young person is unsure of what to wear, they are welcome to wear their PE uniform. Anyone participating in the Staff vs. Students Footy game should ensure they have appropriate sports attire to change into before the game. Students in 7B and 7D, along with a select few others, will need to wear their formal uniform for Mass but can change into something more comfortable once the formal part of the day is over.

### **Activities Galore!**

We have a variety of activities planned for the day:

- Dunk Tank
- Join classic games like the egg and spoon race, ball in the bin and sack races
- A disco
- Talent Quest
- Sing Star
- 3v3 basketball knockout on the halfcourts
- The iconic Staff vs. Students Footy Game (Junior and Senior games)
- Quiet activities like board games/cards
- Fancy Dress Parade with prizes
- Welcome to the Lorne 120 Runners

### **How can I purchase food on the day?**

#### **Food Trucks**

The following food trucks will be available on the day:

- The Lil Dumping Van – Chinese Dumplings
- Gypsy Lunch Box – Burgers
- Twisted Temptations – Twisted Potatoe
- Chubby Bao – Asian Fusion (Bao) (New to Columba Day)
- Rockin Donuts – Donuts and Coffee (New to Columba Day)

Unfortunately, no cash will be accepted on the day. Students are required to have a debit card on the day to purchase from the food trucks. The menus for the food trucks will be communicated next week.

#### **Canteen – Over-the-Counter Service**

The Iona Canteen will offer over-the-counter service, along with a limited selection of pre-ordered items. With both the food trucks and the canteen in operation, you can be assured that your young person will have plenty of food options available.

#### **Student Progress Meetings Reminder**



A reminder that the first round of Student Progress Meetings will be held today. The second round is scheduled for Wednesday, 11th September. Bookings for the second round open on 6th September and will close on 10th September at 4 pm. We look forward to meeting with our parents and carers.

### Reminder: Sleep Connection Workshop with Lisa Maltman Next Week

We encourage our parents and carers to attend the upcoming **Sleep Connection Workshop** next **Tuesday, 10th September**, led by sleep expert **Lisa Maltman**. The link between sleep and overall wellbeing is significant, and this workshop will provide practical tools to help your young person develop healthy sleep habits—an essential skill for their future success.

#### About Lisa Maltman:

Lisa has worked with over 100 schools across Australia and is a sought-after speaker at key mental health and wellbeing conferences. Through her program, **The Sleep Connection**, she offers a comprehensive approach to sleep education, providing pathways to professional support when needed. Lisa also collaborates with **SleepShack**, which offers clinically proven sleep programs for pre-teens and teenagers, and the **Woolcock Paediatric and Adolescent Sleep Clinic**—part of the Woolcock Institute of Medical Research, a global leader in sleep research.

We hope to see our community at this important event on **Tuesday, 10th September!** [Please RSVP via the following link.](#)



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## THE SLEEP CONNECTION

### Parent Workshop

Join Us for an Insightful Presentation by Renowned Sleep Expert Lisa Maltman. Discover the critical role quality sleep plays in your young person's overall health, learning and emotional wellbeing.

**What to Expect:**  
Valuable Insights: Understand the science behind sleep and its impact on your young person's development.  
Practical Strategies: Learn tips and techniques to improve your young person's sleep habits.  
Interactive Discussion: Ask questions and discuss your concerns with an expert.

TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER  
**6 PM - 7 PM**

Iona College Resource Centre  
242 Horseshoe Bend Road, Charlemont  
Parking in Staff Car Park

**JOIN US- RSVP TODAY**



**Key Contacts**  
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### Iona Pathways Press

The September 6th edition of the Iona Pathways Press can be found [here](#).  
In this edition you will find information about:

- Work Experience Opportunities
- Melbourne International Games Week
- Where can an Arts Degree take you?
- Studying Law at RMIT
- Pathways to a Federation Degree
- Explore Various Ways to Join the ADF
- On-demand Webinars at Deakin University
- Studying Science at the University of Melbourne
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### Art Department News

Our Year 7 Visual Art students have been delving into the element of art—Line. As part of their learning, they each selected one artwork from their 16 Box Line Challenge and transformed it into a lino print. Using lino cutting tools, the students carefully carved their designs and applied block ink to create impressive prints. The excitement and pride on their faces say it all—our students were very happy with their results!



### Term 3 Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Monday 15 July	Staff Professional Learning Student Free Day
Tuesday 16 July	Term 3 Commences for Students
Thursday 25 July - Saturday 27 July	Combined Schools Musical
Thursday 1 August	Winter Soiree
Tuesday 6 August	Year 10 Immunisations
Friday 30 August	Staff Professional Development Student Free Day
Thursday 5 September	Student Progress Meetings
Tuesday 10 September	Parent/Carer Sleep Connection Workshop
Wednesday 11 September	Student Progress Meetings
Thursday 12 September	Combined Schools Choral Concert (Saint Ignatius College)
Friday 20 September	Columba Day
Friday 20 September	Term 3 Concludes - 2:05 pm
Tuesday 24 September	VCE Unit 4 Practice Exams
Monday 7 October	Staff Professional Learning Student Free Day
Tuesday 8 October	Term 4 Commences for Students

If you would like to download a printable version of the schedule above, [please access it here](#). This link will be updated each week in the newsletter as new events are added to the calendar.

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the unexpected passing of Shaan Brooker, mother of Morgaine (Year 9), Ethan (Year 8), and Nathan (Year 8). We extend our heartfelt condolences to her husband, Warren, and their children during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Brooker family.

Thanks for your support.

Damian, Kylie and Melissa