Shady Caricatures

Our Year 1/2 children enjoyed a creative workshop with guest artist and cartoonist Irene. After a step by step tutorial the children worked on their caricatures, developing their technique of shading, giving expression to their portraits.

The masterpieces in progress look terrific... you will now have to wait until the Art Show unveiling to see the finished pieces and luckily it’s not that far away...

St. Aloysius School Art Show
Wednesday, 9 September. 6pm to 7pm

Term 3 Calendar – Dates for your diary

**August**
- 27th: Mass F/1 G
- 29th & 30th: Confirmation Dismissals

**September**
- 1st: SAC Meeting
- 3rd: Mass 1/2EP
- 4th: Fathers’ Day BBQ and Father’s Day Gift Stall & Raffle
- 9th: St. Aloysius Art Show 6-7pm
- 10th: Mass 1/2B
- 14th: **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**
  - Student free day – Staff PD - First aid training
- 15th: P&F Meeting
- 17th: Mass 4/5AB
- 18th: Footy Day - P&F Hot Dog lunch day.
  - Last Day of Term – 1:30 pm dismissal
  - Please note the early finish time for students.

Upcoming School Closure Day

**PLEASE NOTE - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th IS A PUPIL FREE DAY**
Dear Families,

Spring is in the air and we are finally enjoying a little sunshine during many of our days – although rain is much needed and appreciated.

I was walking around on yard duty last week and I overheard a little, interesting conversation:
Child One: Who’s that?
Child Two: That’s Mr Caruana. He’s our Principal.
Child One: What does a Principal do?
Child Two: He tells off all the naughty kids!

That is such a clear cut role description, but it is such a small part of my role and I wouldn’t actually call what I do in that field “telling off”. Just interesting for me to hear that from children’s mouths.

We have one more weekend of Confirmation celebrations this weekend so congratulations again to all our Confirmation candidates for this year.

We have our Fathers Day activities next Friday, September 4th and I invite all dads and other significant male figures in our children’s lives to come and join us for at least part of the day. The famous St Aloysius Fathers Day BBQ is on at 12.30pm and you are all invited and welcome to attend. Each child will be provided with a sausage for lunch, if they require extra, please send additional lunch with them to school. The day will start with the Fathers Day stall at 9.00am, followed by the Family Groups working on Calendars, the BBQ will begin at 12.30pm and Liturgy of Song and Prayer at 2.00pm.

On Monday, September 14th we have a school closure day for our staff to be trained and updated with our First Aid certification. This day is essential for us if we are to keep up to the latest treatments and procedures for First Aid at St Aloysius.

Over the coming weeks the following staff will be embarking on long service leave; Colleen Bilston, Di Hogenhout and Jenny Dalì, we offer them our best wishes for an enjoyable and restful break. We extend a warm welcome to Bernadette and Kelsie, who will be joining us at St. Aloysius, covering for our LSOs whilst they are on leave.

Joe Caruana
Principal

**Re: Principal Appointment Consultation Process**

Dear Parents,

My gratitude goes out to the parents who attended our discussion forum last Thursday, August 20th when we gathered with Tony Perkins from the Catholic Education Office. This was a most fruitful morning with many constructive ideas being formulated about the future leadership of our school.

Thank you also to those parents who have submitted their responses to the survey sent home, examining the strengths and challenges our school community faces.

These contributions will significantly aid in the vetting of applications, the formulation of questions for use within the interview process as well as allow the interview panel to identify key areas for broader discussion.

Please know that your contributions are greatly appreciated, not in the least by myself as a relative new-comer to the St Aloysius school community.

Your reflections on the past and ideas for the future of our school clearly demonstrate a parent group committed to the long-term wellbeing of this community.

Kind regards,
Annette Hirth
SAC Chair

(iPad Sale)

Dear Families, Due to a recent upgrade we have a number of iPads for sale. iPad 2 - 16GB wifi Cost $200 These have been restored to their original settings and are in an excellent used condition. If you would like to purchase one of these iPads, please see Robert. Be quick because at this price, they won't be around for long.

Kind regards, Claire McAdie

(NAPLAN REPORTS)

Dear Year 3 and Year 5 Parents and Guardians, Copies of the 2015 NAPLAN Student Reports are available from the school office on request. Please see Robert or Lesley if you would like a copy of your child’ report.

Thank you
What's happening at St. Al’s

JUNIOR NEWS
Welcome to Week 7. The children are learning about the artist Picasso this week. Keep an eye out for our Picasso Head’s at our upcoming art show. Congratulations to the children who are reading and learning their High Frequency Words each night. We are still waiting on a number of Learning Journals to be returned, please return these to school as soon as possible. Many thanks to the families who have sent along numerous recyclables for us to use in art, this week. Have a great week everyone, stay warm, The F/1 team.

Hello to everyone! In the 1/2 area we are learning about the artist Paul Klee and his artwork on line this week. We will then be using our knowledge to create colourful line masks. A note has been sent home with the children asking for them to bring 3 items of summer clothing in a bag to school for a photo, this week (thongs or sandals, summer top and shorts), the photo will be used in a surprise art piece...so it’s a secret!

In Maths we are reviewing division and multiplication and trying to learn when to use which symbol. We will also begin revising fractions of objects and number which we will continue working on for the next few weeks. In Religious Education lessons the children will be learning about celebrations and on Friday, Sept 4th we will be part of a very important celebration, Fathers Day. We hope all our dads are spoilt and that the day is very special to them. Just a few reminders, for Learning Journals to be returned to school please and if there are any Science Projects they can be left in Mr Herd's office. Thanks everyone. Anne, Bev and Katherine.

MIDDLE NEWS
Greetings, Middle School families. This week we have been very busy - preparing for the Art Show, Father’s Day and our whole school assembly. A big thank you to our students who are showing signs of developing their independence, particularly before school by getting organised for the day.

Our assembly preparation has been focusing on our RE unit "Followers of Jesus" with a real emphasis on heroes in our lives and also asks the question, "What can we all do to help other people?" The helping of others is the message of the parable, "The Good Samaritan" which is performed in our assembly.

The Royal Children's Hospital Camp Quality puppets Melissa, Dean and Kylie performed for all the school on Tuesday afternoon. This performance was organised by Mrs Jo Townsend and inspired by Toby Cahill in 3/4T.

Last weekend the following Middle School students received their Sacrament of Confirmation: Freyja Niehus, Kir Manyiel, Jonisha Tapera, Bridgette Andrews, Thomas Hoare, Sophia Sheppard, Hannah Keddie, Declan Eden, Zara Govan, Charley James and Tristan Earle. This coming weekend the following students will receive their sacrament of Confirmation: Jasmine Bilston, Dylan Pengelly, Abbey Townsend, Kiah Bennetts, Maddison Cahill, Molly Harris and Imogen Peterken.

Enjoy the dawning of the wonderful season of Spring. Jo and Kelvin

SENIOR NEWS
Welcome to week 7, wow...this term is going so fast. The senior students are busy creating their many art pieces for the Art Show - week 9. On Monday, 4/SAB visited Australian Catholic University where the children experienced different styles of art, led by Aquinas students and their teacher. The children had a wonderful time and created some excellent pieces which will be on display at the Art Show. 5/6L will visit Aquinas next Monday and 5/6M on the following Monday.

This Friday the senior unit will visit St. Patrick’s College to view the 2015 NAB Flanagan Art Exhibition, this will be a great opportunity for the students to view a variety of art works. Yesterday, the children had the opportunity to watch the Camp Quality Puppet Show. The performance helped explain what cancer is and how it can affect people living with cancer. The performers explained it very well and the discussion afterwards showed that the children had listened carefully and gained an understanding of what cancer is. Unfortunately, cancer has touched most of us in some way and it was good to allow the children to talk about it.

Have a great week and hopefully we can enjoy some sunshine very soon. Bec, Kaitlin, Jodie, Claire and Donna.

LEARNING POTENTIAL - Introducing an app which aims to help parents to be more involved in their child's learning, from the highchair to high school. Learning Potential has lots of useful tips and ideas to help you make the most of those small opportunities in your busy day. Download it for free for Apple and Android devices http://learningpotential.gov.au
Parents & Friends
St Aloysius Primary School

Parents & Friends News

Fathers’ Day BBQ – Friday, September 4th - We are looking for a few volunteers (perhaps a few mums) to assist with the Fathers’ Day BBQ. If you would like to help out please call Michelle Bennetts on 0488 631 029

BBQ Needed! We are planning to use two BBQs to help cope with the cooking on the day and are wondering if any of our school families would be willing to lend their BBQ for this use. Please see Robert or Lesley for further information. Thank You.

- TUCKSHOP, Tuckshop will be operating this week, Friday 28th August.
- P&F Fathers Day Stall. Each child will have the opportunity to visit the stall on Friday, September 4th and may choose to purchase a $5 gift. The children will be visiting the stall in their Family Groups.
- ‘Toastie Tuesdays’ What a great success this has been for the month of August, unfortunately the service has come to an end, but we have been thrilled with the response from our parents and children, toasting around 100+ sandwiches each week. As coordinator, I would like to thank my wonderful helpers; Bronwyn Kennon, Tracey Hatchard, Michelle Tapera, Nicole Lee and Aileen Cahill for their time.

P&F Fathers Day Stall.

Thank you, Daniela Overall.

- Book Club There is NO Book Club this term, as we held our BOOK FAIR instead.
- Woolworths earn & learn Please remember to collect your ‘Earn & Learn stickers’.

All members of our school community are invited to attend. Meetings commence at 7:30pm in the Boardroom and aim to finish by 9:00pm.
Have a wonderful week.

St Aloysius 2016 Debutante Ball - Information and Registration Night
You are warmly invited to attend our information and registration night for the 2016 St Aloysius Parish Debutante Balls
Monday 14th September at 6:30 pm - St Aloysius School Auditorium
For further information please visit - www.ballaratdebs.com.au

St Aloysius Parish - News

St. Aloysius Parish Mass times
Weekend - Saturday 6:00pm & Sunday 9:00am Midweek - Tuesday 9:30am & Thursday 9:30am
Each Thursday Mass will be attended by a different class, please check the school calendar to see when your child’s class will be attending Mass, as families are invited to share this occasion with the children

Sacrament of Confirmation This weekend sees the last of our Confirmation celebrations. Thank you to all families who prepared their children so well.

Family Learning Program – for parents of Grade 3/4 children
This week we looked at some of the different ways children learn and discussed strategies to help our children with their numeracy. Next week we will continue to look at strategies we can use to assist with numeracy. This program will run for the next 3 weeks and will give parents the confidence to share important learning experiences with their children in a practical way. The sessions run on Tuesday afternoons, 2:00pm-3:15pm. It’s not too late to join, please see Lesley or Robert for further information. Thank you. Bernadette

SPORTS UPDATE - NETBALL NEWS
This week our school had mixed results with our teams. St. Aloysius Maroon (Year 3/4) had their first loss this season despite their continual improvement with their understanding of the game. St. Aloysius Gold (Year 3/4) played very well and played stronger on the night than their opponents, and had a win. Our Year 5/6 team had a win and were able to move their players around in different positions. It is wonderful to see the parent/guardian support each week for our netballers. We would like to thank you for your support.

ALUMINIUM CANS NEEDED, PLEASE! We are looking for empty cans with open lids, e.g. milo tins, tinned fruit, etc., (no sharp edges) we need lots and lots, as soon as possible please - for more marvellous creations in the Senior Unit.