



## Important Dates

9/2/2024

| TERM 1                              |  |
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| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February   | Parent/Carer/Teacher Conversations   |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February | Prep Rest Day – No school for Prep students                                    |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February    | Grade 6 Surfing Program 12 – 1.30pm – each Friday until 22 <sup>nd</sup> March |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February    | Junior Inquiry Incursion   |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February  | SSA Soccer Grade 5/6   |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March        | Junior Inquiry Incursion   |
| Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March      | Village Fair   |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March       | Labour Day Public Holiday  |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March       | SSA Cross Country Grade 3-6  |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March     | Last Day of Term 1 – 2.30pm dismissal  |
| TERM 2                              |  |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April       | First Day Term 2   |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April     | Anzac Day Public Holiday   |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May       | Athletics Day Grade 3-6  |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May         | SSA Football & Netball Grade 5/6   |

## PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

**School Values:** Respect, Responsibility, Kindness and Collaboration.

**Child Safe** Anglesea Primary School is a child safe organisation which welcomes all children, young people and their families. We are committed to providing environments where our students are safe and feel safe, where their participation is valued, their views respected, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Our child safe policies, strategies and practices are inclusive of the needs of all children and students. We have no tolerance for child abuse and take proactive steps to identify and manage any risks of harm to students in our school environments. Particular attention is given to the child safety needs of Aboriginal students, those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, international students, students with disabilities, those unable to live at home, children and young people who identify as LGBTIQ+ and other students experiencing risk or vulnerability. Child safety is a shared responsibility.

**Our Vision** Anglesea Primary School is a creative and fun learning

**TERM 1 PARENT/CARER/TEACHER CONVERSATIONS.** These will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, see more information below.

**VILLAGE FAIR.** Our Parents Club host our major fundraiser, to be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March at the school. See more information below.

**INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND.** In 2022 we submitted a successful application to the Inclusive Schools Fund to install a new and inclusive playground. The application was successful and I've been informed that installation works will start following the Labour Day weekend (Village Fair). See more information below.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL.** Our school council meet eight times per year, twice per term. Our existing council will meet on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 6:00pm. As some members will retire from school council after this meeting, as of today (February 9) we are calling for nominations to join the new council. See more information below.

**GRADE 6 LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND WELCOMING OUR NEW PREPS.** Grade 6 students will present their Leadership speeches on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February and the leadership positions will be announced at Assembly on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February (3:10pm start). At this Assembly we will also welcome the Preps to our school with the Grade 6s presenting them with the Welcome Packs they made for them. See more information below.

**SSA TENNIS.** Our school is a member of the Surf Coast Sporting Association (SSA) and participate in inter-school sporting events including tennis, basketball, football, netball, soccer, nippers' carnival and athletics with local schools. Next Friday is the tennis competition at Moriac with Milla Lewtas, Frances Scanlan, Finn Bereza and Ollie Crowcroft

environment, that is accepting of all and promotes the following values: Respect, Responsibility, Kindness and Collaboration. Students will strive for personal best, becoming independent and resilient learners who make a positive contribution to the community and environment.

#### Our School Values

**Respect:** We speak nicely to each-other and allow others to learn.

**Responsibility:** We are on task and always try our best.

**Kindness:** We are friendly, listen to others and behave in a safe manner.

**Collaboration:** We learn together and help each-other.

representing our school. All the best to our team, thanks to parents/carers for organising transport and to Mrs Wylie for entering our students.

**PROFESSIONAL LEARNING.** This week Mr A and Ms Scholtes attended Soundwrite professional learning sessions from Monday-Thursday with teachers from other schools in our network. In coming weeks, they will share what they learnt with our staff. Here is some information about Soundwrite: Soundwrite is a very highly structured, incremental, code-oriented and instructional approach to teach children to read and spell. The program is implemented in all our classrooms and provides fast and effective teaching for children at all levels. The school has multiple decodable readers that are being used during guided reading, shared writing, tutoring and independent reading times.

This week staff updated our cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) skills, something we are required to do every 12 months.

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY.** Our first Assembly will be held in the Stadium on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 3:10pm and will see the return of the 'Attendance Raffle' – see details below. All welcome.

Anglesea PS: great staff, great students, great community = great school!

Murray Surkitt

Principal

## VALUE OF THE WEEK

Our school values are: Respect, Responsibility, Kindness and Collaboration. Each week we focus on teaching the children how to show our school values, as this helps provide a positive climate for learning

### This week we are focusing on

#### Responsibility



We arrive at school between 8:45 and 9am, put our bags away properly, check the daily timetable, get our learning materials out & go outside to play.

We come inside quietly once the music plays so we are ready to learn when the bell rings.



#### Collaboration

We walk quietly when inside, getting a drink or going to the bathroom.

We work together to pack up (tuck chairs in or put them up, put things away, put rubbish in the bin), before going outside or home.

### Next week we will focus on

#### Kindness



We do our best work and we do it calmly.

We treat others how we would like to be treated.

We include others and play in the safe areas of the yard (the cubbies, the mosaic & hills, basketball court, oval, playground and grassy areas).

#### Respect

When the teacher wants our attention we stop, look and listen immediately.

We line up quietly when asked to.





**INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND.** In 2022 we submitted a successful application to gain a grant from the Inclusive Schools Fund to install a new and inclusive playground. The application was successful and I'm pleased to announce that installation works will start following the Labour Day weekend (Village Fair). Here is an image of what the playground will look like. It will be located to the south of the main building, just outside the Café area, allowing for easy access by wheelchair.

**VILLAGE FAIR.** We are now seeking second-hand toy and book donations for this year's Village Fair. If you are doing a post-Christmas clean-out, please consider donating your old toys, including dress-ups, and books to the school. Please ensure that all donations are of good, working quality and have been cleaned. Donations can now be dropped off to the front entrance foyer of the school and will be stored for the Village Fair.



**TERM 1 PARENT/CARER/TEACHER CONVERSATIONS.** At the beginning of each year, we provide time for parents/carers to have a conversation with their child's teacher allowing us to better know the students, build positive home-school relationships and provide effective teacher-parent/carer communication. They will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February and a Compass notification will be sent to all parents/carers to book a time between 1 and 6pm. It will include a questionnaire to complete and bring to the conversation. Additional conversations are held in June and December and are available upon request.

**ANNOUNCING GRADE 6 LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND WELCOMING OUR NEW PREPS.** We have renewed our Grade 6 Leadership Program to help them have a successful, fun and rewarding Grade 6 year and to develop their leadership skills in preparation for secondary school. The positions this year are:

- **School Captain:** Planning and leading assemblies, representing our school at special events (eg. ANZAC Day), being on call to show visitors about our school, model our school values.
- **Vice-Captain:** Stand in for School Captains or any other leadership roles, set up and run the presentation at assembly, answer the phone and greet visitors in the office if Colleen is out of the office, answer the phone in the portable, on Monday mornings put up the flags and bring them back down on Friday afternoons, model our school values.
- **House Captains.** Organise and lead House activities, helping at the House Sports/Values Cup, running events for Houses during lunchtimes, coordinate recess and lunch sporting equipment, pack away and put-up the goal post pads each term.
- **Student Voice Captains.** Plan and lead termly student voice meetings with Home Group representatives to organise fundraising events and gain feedback from students on how to improve the school, lead a review of the House names, coordinate lost property and rubbish free lunch, help ensure the grounds are free from rubbish, put buddy benches in/out each day, model our school values.
- **Values Captains.** Attend Wellbeing Leadership Team meetings to set the 'Value of the Week' for each term and assist review the school's School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Matrix, promote and model the school values (Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, Collaboration), present 'values' awards at Assembly.
- **eSmart Leaders.** Help the younger students send See Saw posts, promote eSmart at Assembly and via the Newsletter, check equipment is ready for use (eg. iPads, headphones, etc), make a video to teach the younger children how to show the values (shown at Assembly and put on our website), model our school values.

The Grade 6's will be informed of these opportunities and prepare speeches for the positions. They will then present their speeches to all Grade 3-6 students who will participate in an election to determine our Grade 6 student leaders. We will announce them at Assembly (date to be advised). At this Assembly we will also officially welcome the Preps to our school with the Grade 6s presenting them with the Welcome Packs they have made for them.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL.** The Constituting Order of Anglesea Primary School states the composition of the Council is:

- EIGHT elected parent members.
- FOUR elected DET employee members. The principal who is executive officer is included in this number.
- Up to TWO community members.

This year our retiring parent members are Luke Grundy, Peter Crowcroft, Cameron Shaw, Ben Roberts, Rebecca Shaw and Sandy Martin with DET Employee Linda Wylie. Members retire at the end of their term, however parents are welcome to nominate for membership again if still eligible (eg. still have children here.)

Our continuing parent member is Twiggy Finmore. Our continuing DET Employees are Wendy Rankin and Murray Surkitt.

**This means we currently have the following vacancies to be filled.**

- Four x two year elected parent positions.
- Three x two year elected DET employees.
- Two x two year community members.

**The timeline is as follows:**



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|----------------------------|---|
| 9 <sup>th</sup> February:  | Call for nominations. Nomination forms can be collected from the office.  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> February: | Nominations close (4:00pm).<br>If nominations do not exceed vacancies, the new council will be formed.<br>If nominations exceed vacancies, the list of candidates and nominators will be displayed and the process will be: |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> February: | Distribute ballot papers.   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> March:     | Close of ballot. (4.00pm).  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> March:    | Count votes and declare the poll.   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> March:    | New school council Annual General Meeting at 6:00pm   |

If you would like to join school council, or nominate someone else, please complete a nomination form from the office. Further information about school council is below, please feel free to see me for more information.

#### What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

#### Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected parent member category** –members of this category generally comprise more than one third of the council's total membership. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.
- **A mandated elected school employee member category** – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional community member category** – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.
- A small number of school councils have nominee members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

#### Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

#### Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge. It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

#### Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*.

School councillors must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

- **act with honesty and integrity** – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty
- **act in good faith in the best interests of the school** – work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds
- **act fairly and impartially** – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest
- **use information appropriately** – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available
- **exercise due care, diligence and skill** – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school
- **use the position appropriately** – not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage
- **act in a financially responsible manner** – observe all the above principles when making financial decisions
- **comply with relevant legislation and policies** – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law
- **demonstrate leadership and stewardship** – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.

#### Indemnity for school council members

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

- a. the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or
- b. the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

### How can you become involved?

By participating in, and voting in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

### What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations in Term 1 of each year. Council elections must be completed by 31 March, unless varied by the Minister for Education.

If you stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or, you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. You can only be nominated by another member of the same category that you are eligible for (e.g. a member of the parent electorate may only nominate another parent of that electorate).

Department employees with a child enrolled at a school where they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school.

Return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand delivery.

Generally, if there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

### Remember

- Consider standing for election to school council.
- Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do.
- Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.
- Contact the principal if you are unsure about what is required at any stage of the election process.

**ATTENDANCE RAFFLE.** Each week the names of all students who have been at school each day, and on time, go into a raffle. At the end of the week, we draw the raffle with one of these students winning a free skateboard.

Who will win next week???



**BUSHFIRE PREPAREDNESS.** Do you have the Compass 'app' on your phone so you can receive notifications immediately? On Compass information is available regarding procedures we will follow in the event of any Catastrophic (we are closed) or Extreme weather (we relocate to Torquay College P-6). Information will be sent to parents/carers via Compass.



## Helping at Our School...Thank you.

### Sick Bay Laundry Roster –

We need people to go on our sick bay roster for Term 1. This would involve changing the bedding. ie washing the sheets, pillow cases, doona cover each Friday. If you can help, please send me an email

[anglesea.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:anglesea.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or pop into the office and see me. Each parent will be put on the roster for 2 Fridays.

### TERM 1

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Twiggy Finemore

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Marion Goulding

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March – Romy Renzow

Many thanks

## Junior Community



Welcome back to school to all of our Junior Learning Community families. We've had a busy week getting to know our new prep students, other new students, setting up our learning spaces, learning our classroom rules and expectations and becoming familiar with daily routines. **We would also like to welcome our new teacher Mark Robinson to the Junior Learning Community.**

### ***Reminders***

- Please label all personal belongings (including drink bottles and lunch boxes)
- Students to bring a named school hat to wear during Recess and Lunch play
- Encourage your child/ren to put their bags into their locker and go outside for a play on the playground when they arrive at school
- Wear comfortable running shoes on Monday's and Tuesday's/Wednesday's for Bluearth and PE
- \*\*Could each family please bring in a box of tissues as a donation to our learning space\*\*

*Mark, Wendy and Lachlan (The Junior Team)*

### **Awards**

Junior M - Ira

Junior R – Finn Mc

Junior T - Zach

## Senior Learning Community

To all students/families of returning Years 3-6 students, welcome back. We hope you all had a restful, relaxing and enjoyable break. To our new student; Felix - Senior L and their families, welcome to Anglesea Primary School.

This year the Senior Team is;

### **Grade 3/4**

Senior J - Jaiman Samji

Senior L – Duncan Lester

### **Grade 5/6**

Senior A - Tom Allen

Senior S - Julie Sampson

All Senior teachers are very excited about the year ahead.

### **Starting Right**

This week Senior students have been working on a range of activities to help to get to know one another, revisiting the school values and getting back in the structure and routine of a school day.

### **Specialists**

Senior Specialists are on Tuesday afternoons (12:30pm-1:30pm & 2:30pm-3:30pm) and Wednesday mornings (9:00am-11:00am). Students will rotate through PE, Art, Performing Arts / Music, and Global Studies. Can you please ensure that your child/ren wear appropriate footwear on these days to ensure that they are able to run and move comfortably and safely during PE.

### **At Home Reading**

We encourage every child to read for at least 20 minutes at home every day. This helps to build fluency, reading skills and strategies that your child is working on in class and also helps to foster a love for reading.

### **Homework Senior A and Senior S**

Students are to take photos of their home for their 'I Am From' poetry.

### **Reminders - Hats**

Please ensure that your child/ren have a named broad brimmed hat to wear during outdoor learning activities and at recess and lunchtime. These are available to purchase from the office if required. Students who do not have a hat will need to remain under the covered spaces at recess and lunchtime.

### **Donation Requests**

Could we please request families donate a box of tissues for the learning space that their child/ren are in. Thank you.

### **Awards**

Senior J - Freddie  
Senior L - Felix  
Senior A – Frances  
Senior S – Aibhlínn

Duncan, Tom, Jay, Julie  
Senior Team

## **Physical Education 2024**



Hello everyone! If we haven't met before my name is Linda Wylie and I am fortunate enough to teach Physical Education to the entire school cohort.

To get the most out of PE classes your child/ren should wear footwear and clothing to PE that they can freely run, jump, and roll in!

| Physical Education Timetable |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Tuesdays                     | Wednesdays |
| Foundation                   | Year 5 + 6 |
| Year 3 + 4                   | Year 1 + 2 |

## **Surfcoast Sports Association**

Throughout the year students have an opportunity participate in a range of sports, games, and activities. Below is a table outlining the Interschool Sports opportunities for each year level. Students are expected to attend each event applicable to their year level. The schools that we participate with at a district level are Aireys Inlet, Mirriipoa, Winchelsea, Moriac, Ceres, Woodline and Mount Duneed Primary Schools. Students who excel at a particular interschool sport or event can progress to divisional, regional, and state rounds.

| SSA<br>EVENT | Tennis<br>(select students)<br>5/6     | Soccer<br>5/6                            | Swimming<br>(select students)<br>3-6 | Cross<br>Country<br>3-6             | Athletics<br>3-6                    | Football<br>&<br>Netball<br>5/6   | Basketball<br>5/6                    | Aths<br>P-2   | Nippers<br>5/6            |
|--------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Date         | Friday<br>17 <sup>th</sup><br>February | Thursday<br>29 <sup>th</sup><br>February | Tuesday<br>12 <sup>th</sup><br>March | Monday<br>25 <sup>th</sup><br>March | Wednesday<br>1 <sup>st</sup><br>May | Friday<br>31 <sup>st</sup><br>May | Friday<br>16 <sup>th</sup><br>August | TBC Term<br>4 | Friday<br>TBC<br>November |



### **Tennis**

Congratulations to Finn Bereza, Ollie Crowcroft, Frances Scanlon and Milla Lewtas who have been selected to represent Anglesea Primary School in tennis at the first SSA event for the year next Friday.

## Bellarine and Geelong North Swimming Carnival

Each year School Sports Victoria holds a swimming carnival for students in the Bellarine and Geelong North Division at Kardinia Aquatic Centre in Geelong. APS is in the Bellarine Division. The carnival is for competitive swimmers who are **born in the years 2011 to 2015**. Competitors are seeded into heats according to their submitted times, not which division they come from. The school does not send students as a cohort; therefore parents/carers are required to supervise and transport their child/ren to and from this event. Please send me an email if you would like further information about the event and/or qualifying times. The event is open to 'Able Bodied' students and 'Multiclass' (students with a disability).



## School Sports Victoria

SSV provides opportunities for elite primary school athletes to try out for the under 12 Victorian State Team in football, soccer, netball, basketball. If you think your child/ren fall into this category, please refer to the website [www.ssv.vic.edu.au](http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au) for further information about team tryouts and eligibility.

## Contact Me!

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the PE program or sport and recreation. It's my passion! I'm looking forward to a fun filled year with your child/ren.

Linda Wylie

[linda.wylie@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:linda.wylie@education.vic.gov.au) (Monday – Wednesday)

## FOR SALE

Grade 6 Rugby Jumper, Size 12 - \$50. Please contact the office to purchase.



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

**Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.**

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>





ANGLESEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Village FAIR

SATURDAY  
9 MARCH  
3 - 7PM

EVERYONE  
WELCOME

## TALENT SHOW TRY OUTS

OPEN  
TO ALL

MUSICIANS, SINGERS,  
DANCERS, GYMNASTS, RAPPERS,  
ACTORS, POETS, COMEDIANS,  
MAGICIANS, SCIENCE  
EXPERIMENTS (FAMILIES  
WELCOME).

WHERE

ANGLESEA PRIMARY  
SCHOOL STADIUM

WHEN

SIGN UP AT THE OFFICE  
BY TUESDAY 20TH FEB.  
AUDITIONS FRIDAY 23RD  
FEB AT 1:30 LUNTIME

Back to  
school  
is a lot.  
Let's get  
ready.

\*A lot of feelings, a lot of  
expenses, a lot of stress.

Saver Plus  
can help.

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### SAVER PLUS

Many families are experiencing cost of living challenges as well as increased education costs. Saver Plus, supports eligible families to take some control of their finances by offering a matched savings incentive and financial education workshops.

If parents commit to saving up to \$50 a month for 10 months, ANZ will match it with up to \$500 for families to put that money towards education costs ( school uniforms, stationary, camps, laptops, sports fees, and music lesson).

#### **What is Saver Plus?**

Saver Plus is a program for people on lower incomes. It's about bolstering their financial **skills**, so they can develop (and keep) good savings habits.

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's been running for over 20 years and more than 58,000 Australians have participated. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

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To be eligible for Saver Plus, people need to meet these requirements:

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

saverplus.org.au



If families join in February 2024, they can claim their matched savings in December 2024 in time for 2025 school costs.

Since 2003, Saver Plus has supported more than 58,000 people to start saving. It's helped overcome the barriers around education expenses. And it's set them up for a brighter future. Researchers at RMIT discovered that program participants:

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|  <p>Continue saving - even increasing their savings - after the program has finished (87% reported this)</p> |  <p>Gain more financial control</p> |
|  <p>Reduce stress and increase confidence</p>  |  <p>Discover new opportunities</p>  |

85% of our past participants said they're better prepared to manage environmental changes (such as cost of living pressures or unexpected bills) since completing Saver Plus

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and Brotherhood of St Laurence.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**2024**  
*Dates*

**REPAIR CAFE SURF COAST**  
INCLUDING THE KIDS TINKERING ZONE

FEB 4  
MAR 3  
APR 7  
JUN 2  
JUL 7  
AUG 4  
SEP 8  
OCT 13  
NOV 10  
DEC 1



**...where the community gathers to get things fixed**

**REPAIR CAFE SURF COAST**

**OUR AIM:** We want to reduce waste. Let our volunteers fix your broken items, helping both you and the environment.

**VENUE:** Aireys Inlet Community Hall  
10am to 2pm with last repairs at 1:30pm

**COST:** Our volunteers complete the repairs for free, however donations are appreciated to cover our costs.

**PARTS:** Visitors may need to supply parts if required. Not everything can be fixed, but advice can always be given.

**FOLLOW US ON:**   @repaircafesurfcoast  
Or email us at [repaircafesurfcoast@gmail.com](mailto:repaircafesurfcoast@gmail.com)

clothing textiles jewellery toys furniture bikes electrical  
mechanical garden tools sharpening chainsaws mowers etc

**ATHLETICS TRAINING**

**TERM 1**  
**TORQUAY**  
**TUESDAY 4PM**

**ANGLESEA**  
**WEDNESDAY 3.45PM**

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**2024**

**SURF COAST CALISTHENICS**

**Titles** - 3-7 yrs  
Saturday 9.00am - 10.00am

**Sub-Juniors** - 10 yrs & under  
Wednesday 4.30pm - 6.30pm

**Juniors** - 13 yrs & under  
Wednesday 4.30pm - 6.30pm

**Intermediates** - 17 yrs & under  
Wednesday 6.00pm - 8.30pm

**Seniors** - 16 yrs & over  
Monday 6.00pm - 8.30pm

**Call Kids** - 18 months - 5 yrs  
Thursday 9.30am - 10.15am

**All Abilities**  
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If your child has been baptised Catholic and you would like for them to continue on their faith journey to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation please submit an application.

Preparation and celebration for each Sacrament will occur in  
Term 1 Reconciliation  
Term 2 First Eucharist  
Term 3 Confirmation

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