

Sponsored students

Jameel, Alice, Ali, Caleb, Meilai, Kanan, Summer, Favor, Summah, Ebony, Jessica, Jayden, Jaxon, Florian, Kobe, Dylan, Ella, Estephan, Loay, Cordelia, Rimas, Sadie, Vincent, Asmara, Hedley, Othman, Kai, and Candy.



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President's Letter

On behalf of the **Ocean Grove Day VIEW Club**, hello and welcome!

VIEW Clubs across Australia are celebrating 65 years of supporting The Smith Family's "Learning for Life" programs, and as I write this, we are celebrating our own club's 5th birthday. I've been a proud member since the beginning, enjoying the fellowship and shared commitment to helping students access quality education.

At our February 2025 AGM, we elected a dedicated committee to continue the great work of past teams. We're also grateful for the ongoing support of fantastic sponsors, including Ryman Healthcare, 360Q, Haydens Real Estate, and many more.

Our club offers a variety of small groups, from book clubs and craft to theatre, walking, and lunch outings. We also have a team assisting with the Reading Program at Newcomb Primary School. There's something for everyone!

The year ahead is filled with exciting plans, and we'd love to welcome **new members if you'd like to bring a friend.**

Sue Kayler-Thomson
President, OGDVC

Learning for Life

We have just one birthday to celebrate this month—Jessica, who has turned 14! She received a card, a \$50 voucher, and a lovely letter from one of our members. In her latest update, Jessica shared that she dreams of becoming a nurse, and later this year, she will become a big sister—such exciting news for her!

I want to say a big thank you to the wonderful members who take the time to write letters to our students. Your kindness and support mean so much.

Karen Milton
Learning for Life Officer

Up coming events

The **Mother's Day Raffle** is a major fundraiser for our club. **Volunteers** to sell tickets will be needed soon— look out for dates at our April meeting.

Please bring **quality donations** to the **April meeting** of items **you'd like to win**.

We will be **selling tickets to the public**, and **your generosity is appreciated!**

Members meeting

What a fabulous day we had at today's meeting at the Ocean Grove Football Club! A **big thank you** to our wonderful committee for all their help setting up and cleaning up—it didn't go unnoticed. We were treated to a delicious spread by our favourites from Feed Me Bellarine, and the room looked stunning with **beautiful table settings and flowers**. We had double the reason to celebrate, marking our club's **5th birthday** with cake and song, as well as acknowledging **International Women's Day** with a fun quiz organised by program manager - Mon (below). Our guest speaker, Joy Leggo (below), gave an insightful talk about her role as CEO of Cultura, leaving us all inspired. A truly special day!

Monthly inspiration

Modern-Day Anzac Biscuits with a Nutty Twist
A crispier version with added flavour from nuts and seeds.

Ingredients

- 1 cup rolled oats
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup plain flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup almond meal (or extra flour)
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup brown sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shredded coconut
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sunflower or chia seeds (optional)
- 125g butter
- 2 tbsp honey or maple syrup
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp bicarb soda
- 2 tbsp boiling water

Method

1. Preheat oven to 160°C (fan-forced) and line a baking tray.
2. Mix oats, flour, almond meal, sugar, coconut, and seeds in a bowl.
3. Melt butter and honey/maple syrup in a saucepan over low heat.
4. Dissolve bicarb soda in boiling water and add to the butter mixture.
5. Stir into the dry ingredients and mix well.
6. Roll into balls, place on the tray, and flatten.
7. Bake for 12–15 minutes until golden and crispy.
8. Enjoy baking, and let those biscuits bring a little sunshine to your day!

