



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



NEWSLETTER

5th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with you this evening at our Christmas Carols. Come and enjoy a picnic dinner with your family from 5.30pm. When we are ready to begin our carols we will ask students to sit with their class. As previously mentioned members from the Mens Shed will be in attendance selling sausages and will have some cold drinks to purchase. Our carols will be held on the school oval, families are encouraged to bring chairs or picnic blankets and food for their family. To be inline with child safety standards this is strictly a **non-alcoholic event**.

Staff News

This year we will be farewelling four of our amazing staff members as each of them embark on new adventures.

As previously communicated Janelle Hodgson will be taking parental leave in 2025 with her baby due in March. We look forward to hearing about the safe arrival of baby number four to Janelle and Matt.

We also wish Eliza Tatham an amazing 2025 as she embarks on an adventure caravanning around our great country. Eliza will be missed next year, the good news is she will return to us in 2026.

Kristy Hayes will also be taking 2025 off to spend time caring for her family. Kristy's creativity and passion will be missed, we look forward to having her back in 2026.

Tegan Senior who has been part of our Wellbeing team this year will be leaving us to embark on a dream to do private counselling with youth on the Mornington Peninsula.

I would like to thank and wish Janelle, Eliza, Kristy and Tegan for all that they have contributed to St Jude's during their time with us. Each of them have had a positive impact on many students. I know you will join me in wishing them all the very best as they embark on their next adventures.

As per previous years, staffing arrangements will be announced on the afternoon of our transition day on the 10th of December. We will be going from thirteen classes to fourteen next year the make up of class groupings will be as follows:

2 x Prep, 2 x Year One, 2 x Year Two, 4 x Year 3/4 and 4 x 5/6.

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OFFICE HOURS: 8.30am – 4.00pm

2025 School Closure Dates

In order for families to plan ahead I have included dates for all of our school closure dates for next year. These dates include curriculum days and time in lieu days. As you will be aware the latest Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) that came into place in 2023 has included entitlements for teaching staff to be entitled to time in lieu for out of hours events such as camps, parent teacher interviews etc.

To assist with this MACS have directed schools to have some closure days to accommodate the time in lieu. You will note that where possible our closure days are around public holidays which may assist families to make suitable arrangements.

2025 School Closure Dates including Public Holidays during School Terms

Term	Date	Reason
Term 1	Wednesday 19th Feb	Parent Teacher Interviews School finishes at 1pm
	Friday 7th March	Curriculum Day Berry Street Day 3
	Monday 10th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Term 2	Tuesday 22nd April	Time in lieu
	Friday 25th April	ANZAC Day
	Monday 9th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
	Tuesday 10th June	Curriculum day Religious Education
Term 3	Wednesday 30th July	Parent Teacher Interviews School finishes at 1pm
	Friday 22nd August	Curriculum Day Berry Street Day 4
	Friday 19th September	Time in lieu
Term 4	Friday 31st October	Curriculum Day Assessment & Reporting
	Monday 3rd November	Time in lieu
	Tuesday 4th November	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
	Tuesday 16th December	Last day of Term 4


New Uniform Update

I have had confirmation that uniforms will be available in store at the Noone (Belgravia apparel) Clyde store from the 10th of January 2025. The school online portal should be active for online ordering from Friday 13th December. Once this is active I will forward a link to you all.

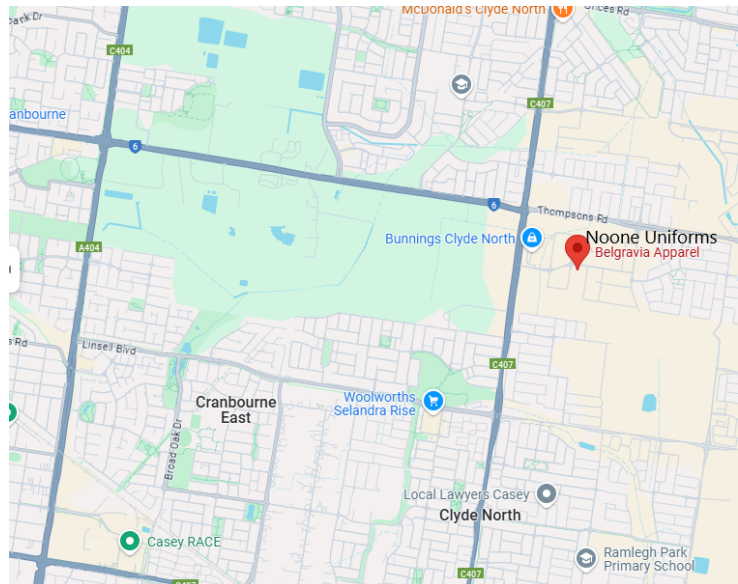
Please look at the attached flyer regarding our flash sale of current uniform pieces. A reminder that there is a two year transition period where current uniform can be worn including a combination of new and old.

The store address is: 29
Hamersley Dr, Clyde North VIC
3978

Yours Sincerely,



Marita O'Sullivan



Current Uniform Sale

Uniform sale to be held in the under cover area on 12th December from 2.45pm

Current Uniforms Sold 50% off RRP

- Polo Shirts (Long Sleeve and Short Sleeve)
- Long Pants
- Shorts

All Second Hand Uniform Free

Cash only sales for new Uniform

Free SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Current Sz 10 -16
Polo Shirt S S \$13.00
Polo Shirt L S \$13.00
Polar Fleece Vest \$16.00
Track Pants \$14.00
Windcheater \$14.00

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Reason
5th December	Christmas Carols/Picnic 5.30-7.30pm
10th December	Whole School Transition Morning
Monday 16th December	Year 6 Graduation Night
Tuesday 17th December 1pm Finish	Last day of Term 4
Wednesday 29th January	Year 1-6 students first day
Thursday 30th January	Prep students first day

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday 11 th December at 7.00pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve 7.00pm Family Mass

9.00pm Mass

Christmas Day 9.30am



Parish Census

Overview

The primary purpose of a parish census is to determine the demographic makeup of the parish community. By collecting data on variables such as age, gender, and occupation, it assists parish leadership in understanding both the practical and spiritual needs of the community. Additionally, it sheds light on the diverse range of skills and talents within the broader community.

If you would like to be registered in our Parish, please collect a card from the Parish or School office, fill it in and return the card to a Mass on any Sunday, or to the Parish or School office. May God bless you. Thank you

Mini Vinnies Christmas Food Drive

Tins and Jars

Tins of

- Ham
- Corned Beef
- Salmon
- Tuna
- Potatoes
- carrots
- beans
- fruit

Christmas Joy

Christmas Cakes,
Christmas Puddings,
Tinned ham
Christmas shortbread
Christmas Bon Bons
Packets of children's
lollies

This Advent you can help others enjoy the Christmas spirit by donating something to those in need this year.

Donations can be brought into the classroom every day from the **2nd- 6th December**



How are we here again? At this time of year I am constantly in a tension between what society is trying to tell me and what Jesus is. While the church tells us that we are waiting and journeying to Christmas, everything else tells me to put my runners on and fulfill an endless list of jobs. With Christmas trees, parties and Santa wish lists, we can often forget the opportunity we are given to turn to God during Advent and fully prepare for Christmas.

Entering the Church over the next few weeks, you will notice the transformation straight away. Gone is the green, replaced with a sea of purple. A very clear statement for each of us that something has changed, and so will we. My main question every year, as I lay out the purple cloth and know that Christmas is coming is, How often do I live the real meaning of what Christmas is all about? For many of us, Christmas is about family and friends coming together, sharing a meal made with love and handing out gifts that have been purchased with care and thought. Preparing for Christmas takes time and thought, you can't turn up to Christmas lunch without prior preparation. The same goes for Jesus! You can't just arrive at Christmas lunch without reconnecting on what Christmas is about. That's what Advent is all about!

Advent is God's gift to us. A time to step away from all of the end of the year commitments and recharge. Over the four weeks of Advent we are given time to reflect on where and how we see Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Often we can look at our littlest people during this Advent time to see these themes alive.

While our children can often see the lens of Christmas through a commercial eye, let's not take away from who they are, and what they are feeling. Through our witness of them, we can be reminded of the pure innocence and joy we are called to receive every year as we all journey to Christ this Christmas. May we all remember to set aside some time with Jesus this Advent season so we too, just like our children, grandchildren or students can experience the real joy that Christmas will bring.

I'll leave you with one last thought. In years to come, all of the gifts and presents this year will be a vast memory but hopefully faith in a loving God will be lasting. So maybe we need to ask ourselves, how am I actually spending my time as we journey to Christmas?

Wishing you all a love filled and truly blessed Christmas.

Lauren

Calling out for Christmas Helpers!

If your family is looking for a way to celebrate the Christmas season why not consider coming to Christmas Eve Mass at St Judes at 7pm. The parish is trying to make it family focussed and would love as many kids to be involved as possible. Please reach out and see if there's a way you can be involved. There certainly is something special about celebrating the true meaning of Christmas with our community!



Canteen News:

St Jude's Canteen Service will be closed from Monday 16th December 2024.

Dates for our Lunch Services in 2025 will be confirmed next year. Any orders placed for Monday 16th of January have already been cancelled and funds have been credited back to your account.

I would like to extend to all our families a Very Merry Christmas and safe and exciting New Year.

Janet Edwards

LIBRARY NEWS

As the year draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate the incredible reading journey we've shared over the past year. I'm truly amazed by the number of books borrowed and enjoyed from our library, and I couldn't wait to share my excitement with all of you!

5247 books read at St Jude's

JUNIORS

Over the year the Preps have borrowed and enjoyed **365** books.

The Grade 1/2's have borrowed and enjoyed **2,243** books.

1/2 G being our super readers with 575 books just from their class.

MIDDLES

Over the year Grade 3/4's have borrowed and enjoyed **1,510** books.

3/4S being our super readers with 400 books just from their class.

SENIORS

Over the year Grade 5/6's have borrowed and enjoyed **1,494** books.

5/6W being our super readers with 578 books just from their class.

Thank you for your support! Keep reading over the holiday!

MRS JESSICA SASSO

Library Teacher





Learning at

ST JUDE'S LANGWARRIN



Caroline Hume - English & Enrichment



Braden Hammond - Mathematics & STEM

English

Christmas Riddles Family Fun



Climbing down chimneys may often seem weird, but not when it's this old man with a white beard. Who is he?

Santa Claus sits on one of these as he delivers his gifts. You can ride one too, through the snow drifts. What is it?

What do you look forward to, that's filled with stuff and looks like a giant's sock?
What am I?

I'm a coloured strip used to decorate your tree, metallic and shiny you'll find me.
What am I?

His body is round, with a carrot for a nose. He loves to be cold, from his head to his toes.
What am I?

It can be made from evergreens, pine cones, berries and it's round. On the front door of someone's house, at Christmas time it is found. What is it?

Wishing our St Jude's community a Happy Christmas and a peaceful and safe 2025.



Mathematics

Elf on the Shelf Maths Edition!



If your house is currently experiencing some sort of Elf infestation, here are some things that Elf on the Shelf might get up to. I've heard they love Maths!

Try some Lolly addition



Lollies make wonderful manipulatives when learning addition and subtraction. Leave some out with your elf along with a few math problems. Encourage kids to use the lollies as manipulatives to add and subtract.

Leave story problems on sticky notes

Create a set up where the elf is holding a pencil and has a story problem written on a sticky note. Invite kids to help the elf solve the story problem.



Here are some suggested problems:

- Preps - Number sort
- 1/2s - addition or subtraction
- 3/4s - multiplication or division

Mr Hammond is looking for a

Fish Sitter

Our STEM Room fish, Bubbles, is looking for someone that might like to look after them over the Summer holidays.

Bubbles doesn't need much, just a pinch of food every day.

All supplies will be provided.

Please contact Mr Hammond if you are able to help out.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



ACER Cooper at Langwarin Park Preschool with Evelyn, Lella, and Lewis. Picture: Gary Sissons

Students embrace street library

THE Langwarin Park Preschool community has come together to build a street library.

Langwarin Park Preschool teacher Jayne Marston said the project was

spearheaded by parent Acer Cooper, who takes his child to the centre.

"We recently purchased a Street Library Kit and one of our wonderful dads volunteered to construct, paint,

decorate and install it," Marston said.

"The children and families have really embraced the premise of sharing and donating books and we are really proud of our Street Library."



Chiara and Keisha's artwork was exhibited at the FAC in the Oct/Nov for the Wild About Art Kids Fest Competition.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



📍 Lessons at school

📞 Belinda 0407 663 272

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🌐 www.koolkidzrock.com.au

KOOL **KIDZ**
rock

Did you know at St Judes you can learn a musical instrument at school?

We have specialist teachers offering expert tuition in **keyboard, guitar** and **singing!**

We are now taking enrolments for **term 1 2025**. Places are limited so sign up now.

Go to **koolkidzrock.com.au**

and click Enrol Now or fill out a form at the office.

Group lessons. Current students have their spot saved for them and are automatically re-enrolled for next year, no need to re-enrol.



come find your awesome

LANGWARRIN AUSKICK CENTRE

Lloyd Park
Sundays 8:30AM - 9:30AM
Starts May 4th

 play.afl/auskick 