

NEWSLETTER

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OFFICE HOURS: 8:30am - 4:00pm

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week's newsletter comes to you a day later than normal, apologies for this. There are many events coming up, please familiarise yourself with dates and activities.

Book Week

Next week is Book Week across Australia and we will have a special focus on the stories that are special to all of us. This will culminate in our fantastic Book Week Parade in the hall next Friday 23rd August where students are encouraged to come dressed as a character from their favourite story. We welcome all of our community to come along and join in the fun! We will also have many story focussed activities during the week as well. A big thank you to Mrs Hume and Mrs Sassos for their work in making Book Week a fantastic experience here at St Jude's!

Book Fair

Our book fair will run from next Monday to Thursday in our Junior school building each morning (8.30-8.45am) and each afternoon (3.15-3.45pm). This is an opportunity for families to purchase a range of books and also assists in raising funds for our library and literacy area. A big thank you to those parents who have volunteered their time to assist in the running of the book fair.

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Athletics

A reminder that Monday 26th August will be our House Athletics day at Ballam Park. We will travel by bus to and from the venue for a fun filled day! Keep an eye out for the Operoo from Mr Greco with more information about the day.

Monday 9th September School Closure - Berry Street

A reminder that Monday 9th September will be a non school day for our students as staff continue the Berry Street Professional Development that we started earlier this year. The Berry Street Education Model helps educators gain new perspectives, strategies and skills to build safer, healthier and more engaging classrooms for all students. Our staff have already implemented many of the strategies they learnt earlier this year and look forward to gaining even more knowledge and expertise.

Father's/Special Persons Day Breakfast

Our annual Father's/Special Persons Day Breakfast will be held on Friday 30th August from 7-8.30am. Please register via the Google form (link here). We look forward to celebrating these special people with you all in our school gym with a special breakfast and raffle with some fantastic prizes!



Social Media Use

I am aware that parents across the year levels have groups on social media platforms where they connect and keep one another up to date with school dates etc. I think this is generally a great platform for communication and connectivity. However can I remind all that it should never be used as a platform for anyone to make comments that are hurtful to any member of our school community.

Car Park

Thanks to parents who have followed previous instructions regarding our car park. A further reminder that students should not be dropped up/picked up in front of the Junior building/Staff car park. Also please be respectful of our neighbours as we have had issues with parents parking at the visitor spots at the units across from the school.

Yours Sincerely,

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Marita O'Sullivan

Term	Date	Reason
Term 3	Monday 9th September	Curriculum day-no students
	Friday 20th September 1pm Finish	Last day of Term 3
Term 4	Friday 1st November	Curriculum - Assessment & Reporting
	Monday 4th November	Time in lieu
	Tuesday 17th December 1pm Finish	Last day of Term 4



Yesterday was a special day in the life of the Church. A Holy Day of Obligation for the Feast of the Assumption. In our school we started our day in prayer focussed on Mary.

Mary was an incredible woman. Someone full of courage, faith and hope. She taught us what discipleship really meant as well as the joy and the sacrifice that came from her almighty 'yes'. While that is not what this feast day is all about, I think you need to remember about the person of Mary so we understand why she was Assumed into Heaven next to Jesus and why she deserves such a beautiful feast day.

This week in class my students have been having discussions during prayer time about who Mary was. They have made connections that Mary was Jesus' mother and that God chose her to do a very special job. We even jumped for joy singing along to a song "I want to say yes, just like Mary said." We discussed how we can say yes to help others- to be just like Mary.

I wonder what YES' you have said this week that could have so easily been a no. Housework, lifts for the family, extra meetings or conversations that ate into much needed rest time, coffees with a friend you didn't really have energy for. While the initial yes might have been exhausting to say, I wonder what blessings came from it for you.

Take some time this week to talk to your family about times that they can say yes to help others. Times when they say 'yes' to be brave. Times when they say yes to show compassion or justice to others. Over time they will come to understand that these small opportunities to say yes allow us to get to know God a little better through Mary's example.

Thank you for all the times you said YES this week!

Also don't forget to remind your children to have a go at creating an Art piece depicting Mary for our competition. I will give everyone another week to get submissions in.

MARY RT COMPETITION Calling all artists for our annual **Religious Art Competition.** Recreate an image of Mary to Celebrate the feast of the Assumption Take some time at home to create an iconic

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image that shows who Mary is to you. All images must be given to Miss Considine by Monday 13th August to be considered.



🆉 Caroline Hume - English & Enrichment

English Book Week 2024



The enchanting theme, 'Reading is Magic' celebrates the extraordinary power of stories to transport and transform young minds, inspiring curiosity about the wonders of our world. This positive and uplifting message encourages children to explore and connect through the magic of reading.

Please join in the fun of Book Week

Book Week Character Dress Up Parade Friday 23rd August 8.45am in the hall.

Scholastic Book Fair

19-22 August in Junior building 8.30-8.45 am & 3.15-3.45pm Flyer with details for online orders will be sent home on Friday 16th August. Purchases are card only.

Mathematics Year Level Spotlight - Prep

Braden Hammond - Mathematics & STEM

This week, our focus on on the learning going on in Prep Mathematics classes.

Over the last. few weeks, the Preps have been learning about addition and subtraction.

Learning about addition and subtraction in Prep involves a range of handson experiences where students are using materials to demonstrate 'adding more' and 'taking away'.



In this photo on the right, you can see the Preps using Number Pyramids. These help students see what 'parts' can make up a 'whole'. For instance, 3 and 2 make 5.

Wanting to support your child at home to consolidate their learning in addition and subtraction? Lots of board games involve adding and subtracting!



You might even like to incorporate addition or subtraction into your daily routine, such as setting the table.

"We need 5 plates, but we only have 2. How many more do we need?" 5/6 Electives

Our 5/6 students get to explore some extra-curricular learning each Friday. Check out what each elective is up to this term.

Cooking

Last week in the Cooking elective was an exciting week, as it was our first time in the kitchen for this Semester. The students made some delicious scones, served with jam and cream. The Cooking elective is a great opportunity for students to gain confidence in the kitchen and to learn about healthy eating.

Bike Ed

The Bike Ed Elective have been lucky enough to work with Peninsula Star Cycles, a bike shop on Playne Street in Frankston, to learn about bikes and bike maintenance. We now now our ABCDs of looking after our bikes, that being Air, Brakes, Chain and Do it up Tight!

Outdoor Ed

Last week our Outdoor Education class had an exciting visit to the Langwarrin Flora and Fauna Reserve, where students engaged with nature by exploring the diverse local wildlife and plants. We're also looking forward to our upcoming trip to Frankston Beach this Friday, where we'll be participating in a beach clean-up. This activity will not only help protect our beaches but also teach the students the importance of giving back to our community.

Art & Craft

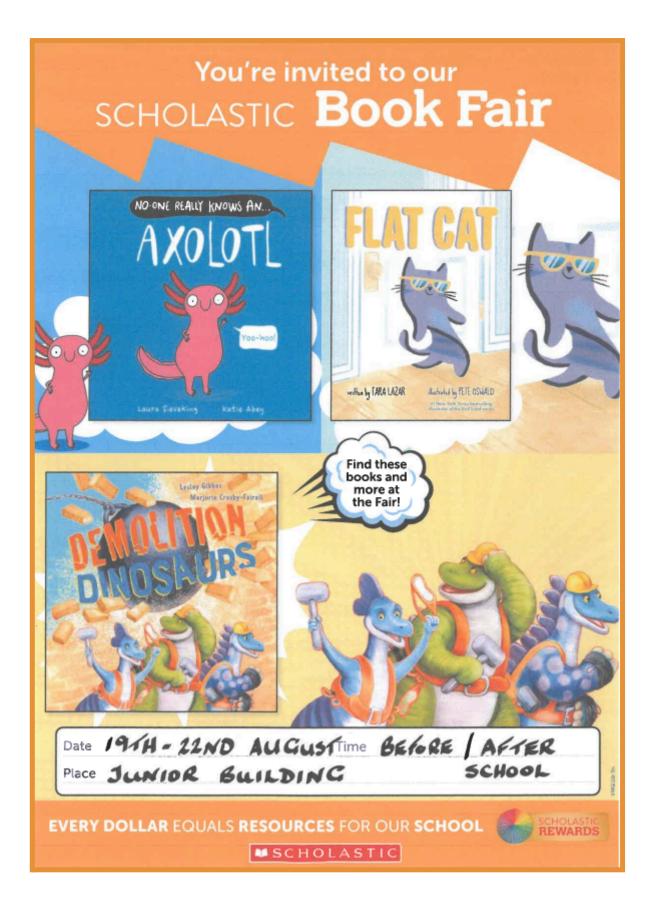
Art & Craft started the term with an Olympic theme. We looked at Parisian Architecture with a focus on the design of the Eiffel Tower and drew some beautiful pencil drawings. Last week we made Green and Gold Pom Poms, they were challenging, but fun!

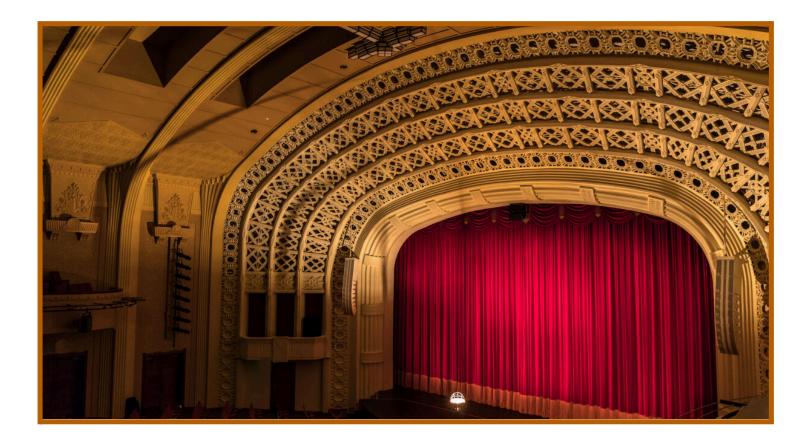






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Production News

QUEST - A Tale of Enchantment

Preparations are underway for St Jude's whole school production.

The main cast have already begun rehearsals and classes are beginning to learn their performance song.

There is a lot of excitement in the air.

Performance Date: Wednesday 30th October at the Frankston Arts Centre.

Further details to be communicated later in the term.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION





Located just off Warrandyte Road in Langwarrin, Bayport Preschool offers 15 hours of funded 4-year-old and 3-year-old kindergarten.

Tours available, please contact the kindergarten by phone on 87518835 or via email at bayport@ckp.org.au to view the kindergarten.

Registrations can be completed for 4-Year-old and 3-Yearold kindergarten on the Frankston City Council website.



PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUP EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Connect with other primary school aged kids who are deaf or hard of hearing, share experiences and develop confidence around managing your hearing loss.

This regular group will share activities, explore interests, enjoy games and activities together as we get to know our deaf or hard of



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After school in Term 3

The group would be in person, at either the Frankston or Mornington Hub. Please register your interest to becm@penplus.com.au or chrissy@penplus.com.au







