

# NEWSLETTER

18th July 2024

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

#### Dear Parents/Carers

At the end of last term, I was privileged to attend the 2024 Peninsula Principals Conference in the Northern Territory. Along with a group of fourteen Principals, I experienced the beauty and vastness of the territory while learning first-hand about our First Nations people and their deep connection to the land. The conference theme, 'One world! One people! Our Common Home!', underscored the importance of unity and collective responsibility. The key message was clear: "We are one! This is about us all caring for the land and each other and all living in harmony together." This powerful message resonated deeply with all of us and provided a profound reminder of the importance of respect, inclusivity, and environmental stewardship.

#### **Staff News**

I would like to congratulate Shannon White (5/6W classroom teacher) who became engaged to her partner Michael over the holidays. This is an exciting time for Shannon and I know you will join me in congratulating her.

#### 'Their Care'

This week has started with our new before and after school care 'Their Care' operating onsite in our hall. It has been a real hit with students who have attended with loads of fun activities and yummy breakfast and afternoon tea for all to enjoy each day.

'Their Care will be running after school care from <u>1pm next Wednesday 24th July</u> due to our early finish for parent teacher interviews. If you require supervision for your child/children from 1pm next Wednesday please book in with them. Now that we have onsite care we will no longer be providing teacher supervision. Booking link: <u>https://theircare.fullybookedccms.com.au/family/login</u>

#### Parent Teacher Interviews - Wednesday 24th July

Bookings now open <u>www.schoolinterviews.com.au</u> Code: fbek9 Please see the Operoo that went home last term. Next week the interviews are with parents/carers only-students do not attend. This was as a result of feedback from parents and staff. Booking close Monday 22nd July at 4pm

#### **Fruit Break**

You would have read in your child/childrens class email that we are no longer having a formal fruit break, we were finding that it was having an impact on the amount of time taken away from learning. We encourage fruit to become part of children's regular snack and lunch





#### **Junior Playground**

There was much excitement at school today as the extension of the junior playground was opened. Each junior class had the opportunity to explore and play before recess. I would like to thank Chris and his team from CJP who have created this amazing space. The redevelopment of an amazing sandpit is also part of this program, so watch this space! I would also like to thank parents for all fundraising efforts over the last two years, as these funds contributed to this project.

A reminder that during before and after school children are only to play on playgrounds which are for their age group. The junior playground is for children in Prep - Year 2, the senior playground is for children in Year 3-6.

#### NAPLAN

Yesterday parents of students in Year 3 and Year 5 who participated in the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) should have received results that were sent home with students.

As stated in our letter via Operoo these assessments are a snapshot of your child in March of this year. Along with classroom work, internal and external testing, this assists to give a bigger picture of the learning growth of each child. As always your child's teacher can assist in discussing your child's progress.

#### **Email protocols**

A reminder of parent to staff email protocols. Staff will check and respond to emails between the hours of 8.00am and 4.30pm, excluding during teaching time as when in the act of teaching teachers are not on their emails. Please be aware that in many cases teachers may not be able to respond immediately. If there is an urgent matter especially over the weekend please CC myself as I will be checking emails outside of these hours.

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#### Wet weather and the carpark

On Monday of this week we had an enormous amount of rain and just like clockwork the heavens opened up at pick up time. I understand that parking your car in the rain could be a little daunting as it is much easier to collect children through the drive through pick up area. However when the majority of parents use the drive through it slows down the pick up process dramatically. It wasn't until 3.50pm that staff were able to come off duty and get to our Monday afternoon staff meeting which usually begins at 3.30pm. Our staff are amazing and are so giving of their time, this is something that I am so grateful for but I also need to be aware of the new agreement which has staff off duty from 3.30pm. I am asking if

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you get to school and the drive through area is looking extra busy and if there are parking spaces available could you please consider parking and walking to the pick up area via the school grounds to collect your child/children. I thank you in advance for your understanding.

#### **Dental Van Onsite**

Information has gone home today regarding Teeth on Wheels-a mobile dental van that will attend our school in August. Please see the form or use the qr code for further information.





Phone: (03) 9338 1191 Email: info@teethonwheels.com.au



#### 2024 School Closure Dates

Term	Date	Reason
Term 3	Wednesday 24th July 1pm Finish	Parent Teacher Interviews (1.30-7pm)
	Monday 9th September	Curriculum day-no students
	Friday 20th September <b>1pm Finish</b>	Last day of Term 3
Term 4	Friday 1st November	Curriculum - Assessment & Reporting
	Monday 4th November	Time in lieu
	Tuesday 17th December <b>1pm Finish</b>	Last day of Term 4

Yours Sincerely,

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Marita O'Sullivan





Welcome back! While it is only Week One of term, it amazes me how quickly we get back onto the swing of 'school life' and that the relaxation of holidays seem like a distant memory. We talk about the holidays being a time of recuperation and nourishment after working hard over the term. I know I spent some time reading, sleeping and catching up with friends over some yummy meals.

As we start this new term, our Year Four students are busily preparing for their first Eucharist celebration. Vatican II documents tell us that the 'Eucharist is the source and summit of the catholic faith' but what does that mean? In more simplistic terms it means that through the Eucharist we are called to develop a deeper relationship with God and those around us.

I like to use the Analogy of a bucket with students. I tell them to think of themselves as a bucket. Everyday when we use our kind hearts, and act like Jesus, our bucket begins to empty. It is important then to refill the bucket ensuring that we can be replenished to go out and do more 'good' for others. Every time, one student will automatically ask 'But how do we fill the bucket you might ask?' and my response is through the Eucharist. When I go to Mass and receive Eucharist I really believe that it can center my thinking and actions back to Christ. I am always humbled to think that Jesus left us this gift, so powerful and so important over 2000 years ago and we are still blessed enough to receive it now! All that needs to be done is to come to the Altar and accept the gift.

First Eucharist Celebrations NFORMATION NIGHT AUGUST 1ST 6:00 IN THE HALL **REFLECTION DAY** GUST 9TH ALL DAY AT SCHOOL FOR YEAR 4'S IN THE HALL SACRAMENT MASS AUGUST 11TH 11:30 IN THE CHURCH ALL INVITED

Take a moment this time to think about your bucket this week. How full is it? Maybe you are feeling it empty, only you can be the judge. Maybe you can have a discussion with your family about how your buckets get replenished. It might be through Mass like me, or through other things that bring you peace and clarity. Maybe this weekend, as preparation begins it is the perfect time to come and be replenished at church.

God Bless Everyone,

Lauren

# Learning at

Caroline Hume - English & Enrichment

# English



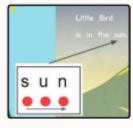
#### Phonics in the Junior School

Learning to read so we can read to learn.

As Literacy Leader at St Jude's I am often asked the question - *Do you use a phonics program to teach reading?* The answer to this question is 'Yes'. In the Junior school, we have implemented the 'Little Learners Love Literacy' program as part of our instructional program in English. The phonics program forms part of our Literacy block, in conjunction with reading of rich literature and a variety of opportunities to write different text types.

So how can you help your child to use their phonics knowledge and skills when reading their take-home books.

### Using sound knowledge when reading unknown words - segmenting and blending



Use segmenting and blending when a word can be sounded out. Say the sounds whilst pointing under the letters, then blend them together. It's important to then reread the sentence.

#### Know when to use 'sounds' and 'letters'

We see letters





Language to use with your child

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What letter/s makes the sound ...? How many sounds in ...? e.g. 'hop' and 'chick' both have 3 sounds



h -o - p (3 letters, 3 sounds) <u>ch</u> - i -<u>ck</u> (5 letters, 3 sounds)

Two letters that make one sound is called a 'digraph'.

📳 Braden Hammond - Mathematics & STEM

## Mathematics

In the last installment of our Curriculum News, I shared some ideas for parents to incorporate Maths into your everyday lives.

Here are some images below that might get you thinking about Maths at home!

Cooking is a wonderful opportunity to talk Maths, You can measure using grams, set timers and learn about temperature

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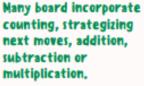




Going for a walk? Find a number and use it as a "Launchpad" for counting backwards or forwards or in jumps of two or ten.



Watching the footy? Here's a chance to practise your 6 times tables







Register to attend a John Paul College

#### **Discovery Morning**

Term 1 - Thursday 7 March Term 2 - Thursday 20 June Term 3 - Thursday 1 August 9:00am - 11:00am

Explore all that John Paul College has to offer as you tour our expansive grounds, discover our state of the art hacilities engage with our students, and enjoy a moming leas in the company of our leading staff and College Principal.

#### Register online at jpc.vic.edu.au

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Mahons Road, Frankston VIC 3199 | 03 9784 0200 | johnpaul@jpc.vic.edu.au | jpc.vic.edu.a



# Applications are open for Year 7 2026

Places are available for students in Year 5 who are interested in applying for Year 7 in 2026. Families are encouraged to submit an online application at their earliest convenience or prior to the Catholic Education enrolment due date of Friday 16 August 2024.

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# **COMMUNITY INFORMATION**



## UNIQUE HEARING HEROES

Connect with other girls in Yr. 6 and Yr. 7 who are deaf or hard of hearing. Get to know each other, share interests, enjoy games and activities together in our friendly group.

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



When: Tuesday 4-5 Where: Mornington Frequency: Fortnightly



Don't miss the 5-week party full of fun and footy in Term 3! There's a new party on every week to enjoy at your All Girls NAB AFL Auskick Centre!

#### FRANKSTON & SURROUNDS ALL GIRLS AUSKICK CENTRE

Bruce Park, Frankston Starts July 23rd from 4:30pm







Let your child's imagination run wild at our fun pottery workshops designed just for kids. Conveniently situated in Mount Eliza, our classes are welcoming, stress-free, and perfect for beginners.

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Whether you prefer group lessons or one-on-one sessions, we've got you covered. And don't forget about our adult classes - creativity knows no age limit!

For more information, reach out to hellohildaceramics@icloud.com or simply scan the QR code provided to secure your spot.





## Become a Berry Street foster carer

In our community, some children are not always able to live with their family.

Become a foster carer and support a local child at a crucial moment in their life.

Enquire today berrystreet.org.au/fostercare Ph. 1800 816 037



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