



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

I write this newsletter from Camp Adanac in the Yarra Junction where our Year 5/6 students are having an amazing

time. Attending camp offers students a unique and enriching experience that extends beyond the classroom. It provides an opportunity for children to develop essential life skills such as teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving in a fun and supportive environment. The camp activities at Adanac include the flying fox, archery, hut building, frisbee golf, damper cooking and so much more. The students' involvement in these activities encourage them to step out of their comfort zone and build self-confidence. Additionally, the social aspect of camp allows students to forge new friendships and learn the value of collaboration and empathy. Overall, camp is a wonderful way for students to grow, explore new interests, and create lasting memories.



I would like to congratulate all children for embracing everything on camp with such a positive attitude.

A big thanks needs to go to the amazing staff who are on camp, the care and enthusiasm that they have shown each and every child has been amazing! Whilst we are at

camp, everything continues to run smoothly. A big thanks to Dimity Hemingway and Caroline Hume for their leadership.



Mr Greco

It is with great joy that we announce the safe arrival of Elsie Maree Greco to the world! A big congratulations to Milan and Michaela on this wonderful addition to start their family. Little Elsie is gorgeous just like her proud parents! Milan is currently on parental leave until the end of term followed by some long service leave at the start of next term. Mrs Shae Pearce who knows our children so well will be taking PE for Milan during that time. A wonderful way for Milan to start some extended time with Elsie and Michaela.

Before & After School Care

The Langwarrin Community Centre have decided to cease as our before and after school care provider at the end of this term. St Jude's has had a long relationship with the community centre in this capacity. I would like to thank them on behalf of the many families who have used their service.



When one door closes another one opens! I am very excited to announce that our new provider "[Their Care](#)" will be operating before and after school care as well as curriculum days and holiday programs onsite here at St Jude's. As the community centre will be finishing up at the end of this term I am working very closely with Their Care to begin the new service at the start of Term Three.

I will keep parents informed with how this is progressing but unfortunately due to the short timeframe a disruption with service may be unavoidable. There will be more information as it comes to hand, but rest assured the care hours provided will remain the same.

Prep enrolments

Our final day for accepting 2025 Prep enrolments is tomorrow (Friday 31st May). Rest assured if you are a current family and have an application submitted there will be a place for your child next year. If we do not have an application chances are you will miss out, as we have eighty students already seeking a Prep place for 2025. Obviously we do not have eighty places as we will continue to have two Prep classes.

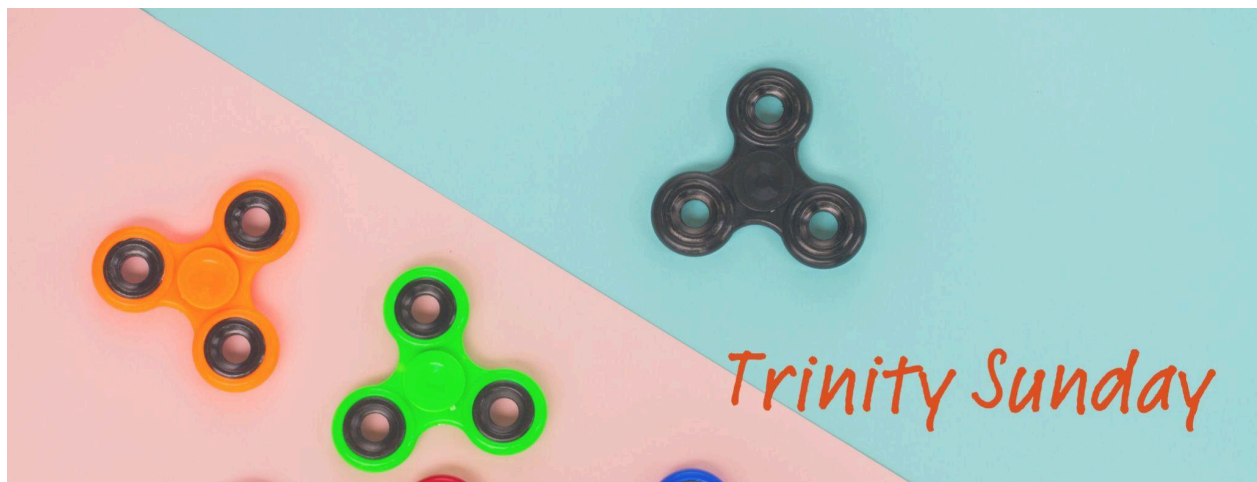
Yours Sincerely

Marita O'Sullivan

Principal

2024 School Closure Dates

Term	Date	Reason
Term 2	Monday 10th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
	Friday 28th June 1pm Finish	Last day of Term 2
Term 3	Wednesday 24th July 1pm Finish	Parent Teacher Interviews
	Monday 9th September	Curriculum day
	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



Last weekend the church celebrated Holy Trinity Sunday. It is a time to think about and thank God as three in one, The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. I often get students asking me what the Trinity means, how can we have a God that is 3 parts. It's not an easy concept to explain but I like to get them to think about it as a fidget spinner. The arms of a fidget spinner are all the same length, width and weight. They all have to move the same, or they don't spin. Well this is the same with the Trinity, we need all 3 parts of God in our world.

There is God the creator, the one who has made everything out of love in his image. God the Son, through Jesus who came to Earth and taught us how we can be God's heart and hands in the world. Lastly, there is God the Holy Spirit, who is with us now, and helps guide us to be the light of the world.

It is pretty special how all parts work together to make God ever present. This week you might like to have a discussion with your family about the importance of the sign of the cross to acknowledge the presence of God through the Trinity at the start of all prayers.

You might like to also say a special prayer for the Year 6 students who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this week where they will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide and help them throughout their lives. May they begin to understand that these gifts will continue to bring joy, love and guidance as their life's journey unfolds.

WINTER APPEAL

Also our Winter Appeal for St Vincent De Paul begins next week. Please bring any donations in by Friday so that we can take them to Mass on Friday morning when we attend the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Thank you for your support!





Learning at

ST JUDE'S LANGWARRIN



Caroline Hume - English & Enrichment



Braden Hammond - Mathematics & STEM

English



National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday 22nd May our St Jude's students participated in a shared reading, with children in 21,969 locations, of 'Bowerbird Blues' written and read by author and illustrator, Aura Parker.



Our classes participated in making nests, drawing bowerbirds, and learning and writing about bowers. Exploring such rich literature provided so many opportunities to extend our students' oral language, reading and writing skills through fun and engaging tasks, whilst also building content knowledge about the world.



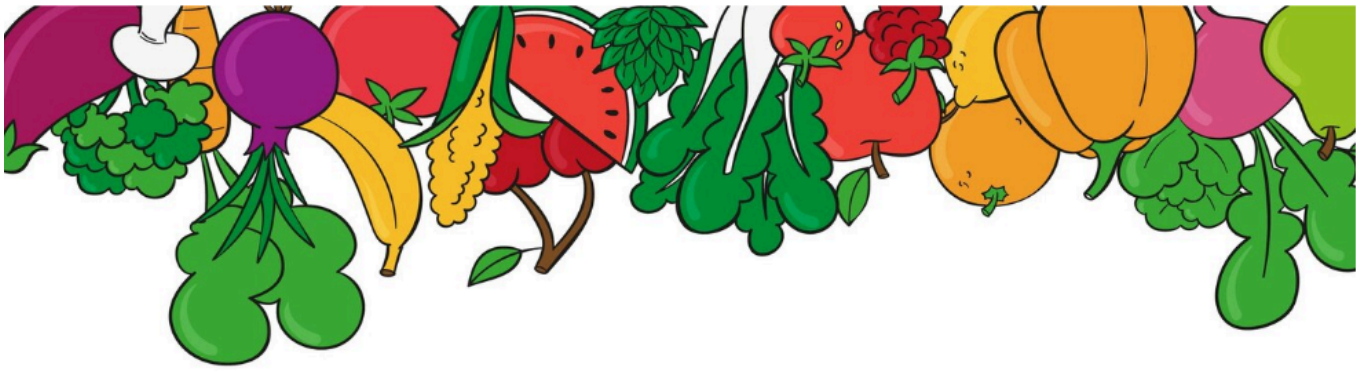
Mathematics

Let's talk about the M in STEM; that being Mathematics! To celebrate National Simultaneous Story time, our STEM classes learned about the behaviour of our native kleptomaniac bird, The Bowerbird. These sneaky birds can be found stealing blue items for their bower and even impersonating others! Where's the Maths in that, you ask?



Our 5/6 students got Coding, using robots to mimic the behaviour of a Bowerbird. They were measuring angles, estimating distances and setting speeds using metres per second! Check it out below!





ELFS (Environmental Leaders of the Future) Corner

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

The ELFS in 3/4 have been working very hard in our school garden this year.



Term 1

Elsa, Billy, Ava, Sadie, Ella, Georgia, Hugo, George, Emily, Isabelle and Gemma were our designated ELFS for the Term One. Every Wednesday afternoon they helped in the garden with composting, weeding, planting and designing. They designed our new Succulent Garden and with the help of Jan (one of our lovely Grandparents who

supplied us with a variety of succulents to plant) cleared the area of weeds, made a path using older bricks and planted the garden. These children were always keen to do their best and help where needed. It was wonderful having their support.

Georgia, Ella and Sadie continue to help this term by watering the garden on a Monday if it needs it.

Term 2

Lacey, Isabella, Mila, Lila, Christo, Harvey, Lola, William, Ethan and Jed are our new ELFS. They are helping to maintain our garden beds, plant new veggie seedlings, weed the new garden near the Junior Building and do the composting.

These children helped with our Waste Audit last week to see how much we waste at the school and what we can do about it.

Look forward to more ELF news in the coming weeks.

Help Wanted!

It would be lovely if our garden could thrive a little more. Helpers are very welcome on a Wednesday and Friday morning. Please contact me if you would like to help, you would always be very welcome, but please make sure you have a Working with Children Check.

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Langwarrin Men's shed

Thanks to the wonderful men at the Langwarrin Men's Shed. We have some great wooden labels to put on the plants so everyone will learn what is planted in the garden.

Look forward to more ELF news in the coming weeks

Sue Tobin



Join our Super Stars Programs this school holiday for a fun-filled experience packed with engaging activities, skill-building sessions, and opportunity to make new friends!

Sign up before 11:59 PM on June 14th, and you'll be entered into a draw to win an **official Melbourne Stars jersey and cap**.

Don't miss out on this fantastic chance for your child to have an unforgettable holiday while standing a chance to win exclusive merchandise!

To register for the program of your choice, follow the links below.

[Super Stars Camp \(Ages 7-10\)](#)

[SuperStars Squad \(Ages 11-13\)](#)

[Super Stars Academy \(Ages 14-17\)](#)



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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 facilities, engage with our students, and enjoy a morning tea in the company of our leading staff and College Principal.



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Register online at jpc.vic.edu.au

Enrolments for Year 7 2026 close on 16 August 2024

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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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For information on how to apply or to submit an online application to John Paul College, please visit: <https://www.jpc.vic.edu.au/home/information/enrolments>

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