



# NEWSLETTER

### 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to the final term for 2024-the year really has flown by yet there is still much learning and busyness to come! I hope you and your children managed some time together over the break and like our staff, your children are recharged and ready to learn! It is always a busy time of year and we have many exciting events to look forward to, please check the events and closure days in the newsletter to keep an eye on the many happenings here at St Jude's.

Mrs O is busy finalising her last project as part of completing her Masters degree and will be back with us from Week 3 of term. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me here at school if you have any questions or concerns.

### Uniform

A reminder that in Term 4 hats are worn in our playground. A reminder to check all clothing is named.

### School Production - "Quest"

Tickets went on sale at 10am this morning, I'm sure the box office at the Frankston Arts Centre was very busy today. Don't forget to have your tickets organised, see the link and number below.

<u>Frankston Arts Centre Booking Link</u> Box Office Phone Number: (03) 9784 1060

Rehearsals and Costumes - Please see the Production page further along in the newsletter.



#### Staff News

It is with great delight that we can announce that Mrs Janelle Hodgson (3/4HM) is excited to let everyone know she is pregnant! Congratulations to Janelle and her husband Matt, this will be the 4th addition to the family. We wish them all well, we hope to see Janelle back in 2026 after some very special family time.

#### Cybersafety/Social Media

With much news in the media over the holidays regarding age restrictions and the impact of social media on children, it is very timely to remind parents to continue to be diligent in monitoring how your children use devices, the internet and social media.

This week I have already had discussions with several families around cyberbullying incidents that occurred over the holiday period. While these may happen outside of school they can certainly impact relationships within the classroom and playground.

It is for this reason many already have age restrictions. Snapchat, Instagram etc have 13+ age guidelines yet many students use them. These are often without the knowledge of parents - the question remains, Do you know what your child is accessing online? Often the impact of words and pictures can be far reaching and younger children don't understand the long term effects of posting comments and images for others to see.

In the end, as parents we are the ones who can say no or teach children how to be responsible online citizens.

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### **Divisional Athletics**

Yesterday we had a large group of students who competed in the divisional athletics competition which covers schools in the Northern Peninsula region. Congratulations to all who competed after having success at the District level. We have had 8 students progress to the Regional level who will compete on the 21st October at Casey which is an amazing achievement!

Thanks to Miss Tatham and Mr Greco for going to this event. Mr Greco will have a more comprehensive report in our next newsletter.

Yours Sincerely,

Darren Perry Deputy Principal <u>dperry@sjlangwarrin.catholic.edu.au</u>

## 2024 SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

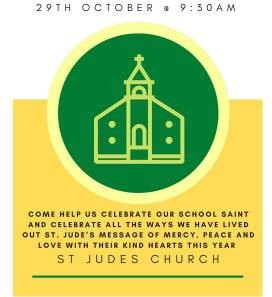
Term	Date	Reason
Term 4	Wednesday 30th October	'Quest' A Tale of Enchantment School Production
	Wednesday 16 - Friday 18th October	Year 3 / 4 Camp Don Bosco
	Friday 1st November (No Students)	Curriculum - Assessment & Reporting
	Monday 4th November (No Students)	Time in lieu-School Closure
	Tuesday 5th November (No Students)	Melbourne Cup Day
	Friday 8th November	Colour Explosion Fun Run
	Thursday 14th November at 9.00am - 10.30am Thursday 21st November at 9.00am - 10.30am Thursday 18th November at 9.00am - 10.30am Thursday 5th December at 9.00am - 10.30am	Prep 2025 Orientation Days
	Thursday 5th December	Christmas Carols & Picnic 5.30-7.30pm
	10th December	Whole School Orientation
	Monday 16th December	Year 6 Graduation Night
	Tuesday 17th December <b>1pm Finish</b>	Last day of Term 4



On Monday the church celebrated the Feast of our Lady of the Rosary. To make this day more Extraordinary, Pope Francis called for all Catholics to stop and to pray for world Peace. While the news liked to broadcast the negativity of the ongoing fights even within our own city, as a school we chose to stop and respectfully think and pray for all those who are affected in war torn countries. Beginning prayer in my junior class, I knew this day was something that I wanted to include the students in, but also knew it would be inappropriate to explain the complexities of all that is taking place overseas. Instead we thought about other countries and cultures that we knew and prayed for the people of those places.

Being the Month of October, and the Feast day of our Lady of the Rosary our prayer included a decade of the Rosary. Pope Francis explained that as our Mother, Mary could intercede for all of our prayers. The students were engaged when I brought out the rosary beads. One asked, "Miss Considine, are you going to wear them today?" I explained that they weren't a necklace but a prayer tool that we use to help count prayers as they are said. Some students took the opportunity to lead one of our Hail Mary Prayers in the decade. While at times we can look at traditional practices such as saying the Rosary as outdated or unnecessary, there was something comforting knowing that people all over the world were united through this prayer with the shared goal of Peace for all.

Maybe this week, or sometime over the month of October you could talk to your family about the Rosary. Maybe some of you have been given rosary beads from someone or somewhere special and holy or maybe they have been ST JUDE'S FEAST DAY MASS



passed down from a family member. Maybe it's a prayer tradition you are familiar with, or maybe it's foreign and unknown for you. It would be wonderful to think about how this uniting prayer can fit into your family.

Have a blessed week, and may Mary continue to guide you all.

### 'Production News : 'QUEST - A Tale of Enchantment'

### PRODUCTION DATE: Wednesday 30th October at 7pm

Production preparations are well underway! The students have enthusiastically been learning lines, song lyrics, actions and rehearsing scenes for our upcoming whole school production of,

'QUEST a Tale of Enchantment'

Full School Dress Rehearsal is on Monday 21st October. Could all students please bring their costumes in a named bag. Please practise getting changed into this at home prior to the day. Do not wear it to school!

Parents, please remember you do **not** have to buy new. Please use what you already have or you can borrow clothing. Also, don't forget to check out Op shops. If you're looking for coloured accessories, \$2 shops and Spotlight often have a variety of these. Please note that faces should not be covered as part of their costume.

Many thanks for your assistance,

Mrs.K <u>akostopoulos@sjlangwarrin.catholic.edu.au</u> Mrs Prib <u>aprib@sjlangwarrin.catholic.edu.au</u>

Each class has a class item. We kindly ask for your assistance in helping your child with their costume. Below is a detailed list of what we need for your child to wear. Please look carefully at your child's class requests below.

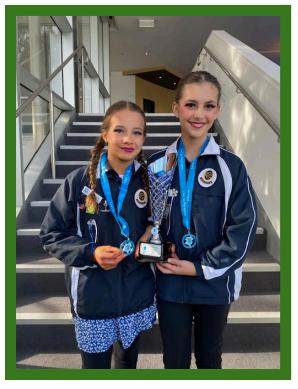
Please note accessories are items such as headbands, wristbands, bowties, tutu's etc.

Class:	Costume required:	Class:	Costume required:
1/2CP	<ul> <li>black pants/shorts</li> <li>white top</li> <li>Tartan sash (provided by school)</li> </ul>	Prep H	• Red, Blue, Green clothing and accessories (can choose one, two or all three colours)
Prep T	<ul> <li>Bear Ears Headbands (provided by school)</li> <li>Orange clothes and accessories</li> </ul>	1/2G	<ul> <li>Bear Ears Headbands (provided by school)</li> <li>white t-shirt</li> <li>tan/brown pants (school to provide fur patch on t-shirt)</li> </ul>
3/4R	• Purple clothes and accessories	3/4B	<ul> <li>Blue jeans</li> <li>white t-shirt (school to provide basketball top)</li> </ul>
1/2P	• Green clothes and accessories	5/6 Students not in main cast	• Black clothes and accessories
1/2K	• Blue clothes and accessories	3/4HM	• Yellow clothes and accessories
3/48	• Rainbow clothes and accessories ( can choose a variety of red, blue, green, yellow, purple, orange, tie dye)	MAIN CAST	Costumes will be provided by the school <ul> <li>There may be some additional items that will be communicated. (eg jeans).</li> </ul>





Eli Uba, Third Runner Up Best and Fairest.



Zara and Asher won the 2024 state champs competition. So far they're undefeated this year at competitions



Ash won the Under 12 Best and Fairest



Tabitha and Saoirse competed in the Tinies section for the Leawarra Calisthenics Club 1st - aesthetics 1st - Rods (Highly Commended)



Get your Colour on, St Jude's is hosting a Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun!

Our Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun will be on Friday the 8th of November from 1pm to 3pm.

Not only are we hosting an awesome Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun, Students can order up to a total of 5 prizes based on their donations received. They can even mix and match! Don't want the prizes, donate your donations to one of the five causes – Carbon Neutral (tree planting), Great Barrier Reef Foundation (coral planting or turtle protection), The Smith Family (reading support) or OzHarvest (providing meals).

Students have received a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at <u>www.australianfundraising.com.au</u>. This is an entirely online fundraiser; all cash donations must be converted to online donations to redeem your prizes.

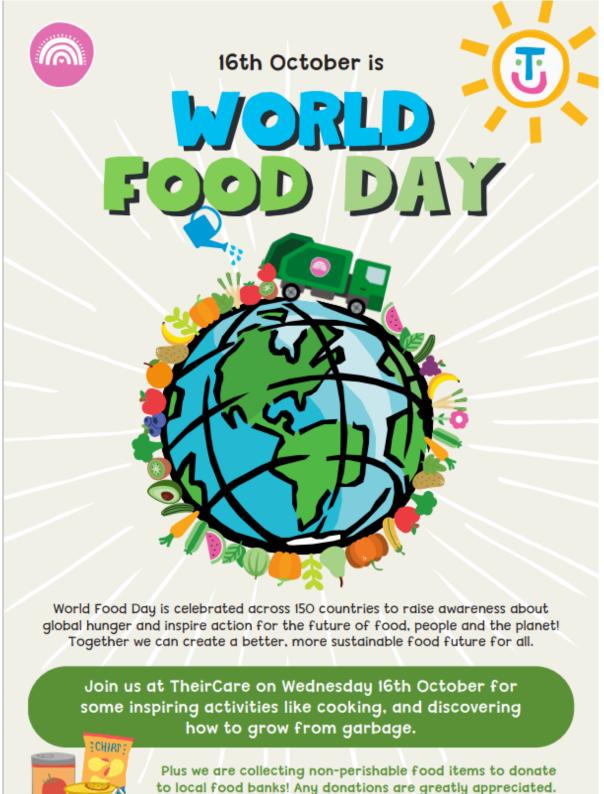
#### Extra Incentives to Fundraise!

- ★ Online Golden Coins complete fun online tasks to redeem an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.
- ★ Monty the Monstar's Bonus Prizes achieve milestones to unlock Monty's bonus prizes.
- ★ \$10,000 Budget Booster Bonanza Spending Spree for one organisation's highest fundraising student
- ★ Our school will win an extra \$5,000 if we have the highest average fundraised amount per student in 2024.
- ★ A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle see your child's sponsorship booklet for more!

For more information, please contact Milan Greco at mgreco@sjlangwarrin.catholic.edu.au

Happy fundraising!

# COMMUNITY INFORMATION



For more information please see your service coordinator.



### Koorie Kids Day Out FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER

10:00M-2:00PM

Art Activity Dance Workshop with Indigenous Outreach Project Includes morning tea, lunch and cultural showbag

Welcome to Country by Bunurong Land Council

Open to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary School students across the Mornington Peninsula

> To register please contact Ange clwb@willumwarrain.org.au 0403 528 034



R.S.V.P Friday 20th September Transport Support Available





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