



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



NEWSLETTER

20th February 2025

**Save the date - Wednesday 30th April 7.00 pm - 8.30pm
CyberSafety Seminar for parents and carers**



Register to attend:
bit.ly/stjudeslang

Dear Parents & Carers,

A big thank you to parents who attended our opening school mass, our swimming carnival and our first assembly last week. Having such a strong parent attendance to events is always very welcome. It was a pity to have to cancel last week's picnic, we will be sure to find more times to connect as the year progresses.

Staff News

I would like to share some exciting news, Hannah Ridley and her husband Sam are expecting a baby. Baby Ridley is due in August. Hannah will continue in her role as Year 5/6R class teacher until the end of Term Two. In the coming weeks we will advertise a teaching position.

Parents and Friends Group

We would like to invite any parent who would be interested in hearing about the parents and friends group this year. A meeting will take place on Tuesday 4th March at 3.30pm in the junior building.

St Jude's Parents & Friends Group (P&F) exists to support the school. Its role is to **organise social events, raise funds and assist in building a real sense of community within the school.**

All parents of children attending the school can be members of the Parents & Friends Group. The St Jude's Parents & Friends Group does not comprise of elected positions, instead each member is a general member. The group is fluid, this enables parents to commit to events that interest them rather than committing to all events.

Play POD

As of next week our play POD is back up and running! The POD is a modified shipping container which houses clean industrial scrap including barrels, tyres, material and so much more. By the end of this week each class would have had a POD lesson where they were explicitly taught the POD expectations.



***Scrap touches scrap but not people.**

***If you take it out you put it back.**

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OFFICE HOURS: 8.30am – 4.00pm

A focus for the POD lesson was also to explicitly teach the following:

- How to unpack and pack up the POD
- How to safely move POD scrap
- How to share and have fun

Each Tuesday to Thursday lunchtime, weather permitting, the POD will be opened and our playground will be turned into an amazing creative space where children will be problem solving, cooperating, collaborating and turning scrap into ingenious creations.



Parent Teacher Interviews

A reminder that school finishes at 1.00pm on Wednesday 26th February as we are holding our Semester One parent teacher interviews. If you are yet to book your interview time, please do so by following the link below. A reminder that students are not required at these interviews. Their Care is open for student supervision for any family requiring the service.

www.schoolinterviews.com.au Enter code: fz68u

Canteen

A reminder that the canteen is operating on Tuesday's and Friday's this year. Lunch can be ordered via Flexischools. Orders need to be put through no later than 9am of the morning you are ordering lunch.

School Photos

Our school photos will take place on Monday 17th March. Please see the details below to order photos. Children are to wear their summer uniform whether that be the old or the new uniform. The 3/4 classes have PE on this day please pack runners. All children should be in black shoes (runners or leather shoes) with **navy blue** socks. Thanks in advance for your support of our uniform policy.

St Jude's Photo Day Monday 17th March
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Camps, Sports and Excursions fund (CSEF)

A reminder to families who qualify for the Camps and Excursions fund to please contact Burnetta in the office to enquire regarding eligibility, typically this is if you hold a means tested concession card.

Forms need to be returned to Burnetta as soon as possible to obtain the discount.

Uniform

St Jude's Uniform	
ACADEMIC/EVERYDAY UNIFORM OPTIONS Polo Shirt, short sleeve - with logo Polo Shirt, long sleeve - with logo Navy shorts - with logo Skort - with logo Navy long pants (boys) - with logo Navy long pants (girls) - with logo, School dress and tunic (remain the same as our current uniform) Windcheater - quarter zip and/or Soft shell jacket Navy Blue socks Plain black shoes (runners acceptable as long as predominantly black)	
SPORT UNIFORM	Term 1 & 4 Sun Hat Options
Polo Shirt in house team colour—with logo Navy Track Pants with logo Navy sport shorts with logo Windcheater - quarter zip Runners White socks	Navy Broad Brim Hat with logo Bucket hat - reversible with house colour
	OPTIONAL ITEMS
	Beanies - design TBC (student voice to be sought) Soft shell jacket



A big thank you to all of the family volunteers that watered the gardens over the Christmas Holidays - it was amazing to return to school and see the gardens looking so healthy!

Yours Sincerely,

Marita O'Sullivan

2025 School Closure Dates including Public Holidays during School Terms

Term	Date	Reason
Term 1	Wednesday 26th Feb	Parent Teacher Interviews School finishes at 1pm
	Friday 7th March	Curriculum Day Berry Street Day 3
	Monday 10th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
	Friday 4th April	End of Term School finishes at 1pm
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
	Friday 4th July	End of Term School finishes at 1pm
Term 3	Wednesday 30th July	Parent Teacher Interviews School finishes at 1pm
	Friday 22nd August	Curriculum Day Berry Street Day 4
	Thursday 18th September	End of Term School finishes at 3.15pm
	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 School finishes at 1pm



Last week our new Mini Vinnies Team had their first meeting where we started exploring how we can use our kind hearts, just like Jesus would and help those less fortunate. Over the year we will explore themes of poverty, homelessness and injustice. For our first meeting, the students brainstormed their big dreams for the year and made a list of ideas which included:

- Doing a charity drive
- Going out of our way to help the elderly
- Making people's day better
- Collecting paper and cans to raise money
- Be kind and caring
- Donating old clothes

It's safe to say that this group is going to make a difference being active social justice workers in our school.

This week's Gospel from Luke depicts Jesus surrounded by disciples and listeners talking about what is important. He says to them, "How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh." It seems like the perfect reading to support the actions of our Mini Vinnies big dreams this year. We are all called to help those less fortunate, to bring kindness and justice to all. Moreover, I guess what Jesus was trying to explain is that what we have in Heaven will be so much more than what we have today. And while we all go through hard times, and need support sometimes, we will also have times of joy and love.



As a family maybe discuss and thank God for the many blessings and joys in your life.

God Bless Lauren

Sacramental Reminder

An Operoo note went out last week, if your child is being enrolled to receive a Sacrament this year please respond by Friday 28th of February so we can prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation later on this term.

ST JUDES SPORTS REPORT



HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Well done to all Year 3-6 students who participated at our House Swimming Carnival last Monday. We had over 80% of the middle and senior students swim in one (or more) of the following events: Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, and the Noodle Race. Students were also able to have some additional fun and go down the giant water slide! It was fantastic to see so many students show their house spirit and also display tremendous sportsmanship.

Well done to Walsh (Yellow House) who won the Swimming Carnival! Our next House Sports carnival is our Cross Country day on Friday the 2nd of May.



LIBRARY NEWS

This year, I want to deepen the connection between the Library and our school community by bringing some of our classroom displays to life digitally—so you can enjoy them from home!

Welcome to **Spotlight Books**, where we celebrate the stories we love to read.

This month, in honor of Valentine's Day, our teachers are sharing their favorite books.

Simply scan the QR code and click on their faces to explore their beloved reads from the comfort of home!



I am also excited to invite families to contribute book recommendations. These suggestions will be added to our shelves, giving students a glimpse of popular books in our community.

If you'd like to share a recommendation, please scan the QR code to submit it, so we can include it in our St. Jude's Library.

If you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to reach out to me at jsassos@jangwarrin.catholic.edu.au.



MRS JESS SASSOS

Library Teacher





Learning at

ST JUDE'S LANGWARRIN



Caroline Hume
English & Enrichment Leader



Braden Hammond - STEM teacher,
Mathematics & Enrichment Leader

English



Learning in the Junior School

Take-home reading - Why and How?

Take-home reading is an important part of our English program in the Junior School at St Jude's.

A core purpose of home reading is to consolidate the skills and strategies taught at school. Regularly reading provides the practice essential for a young reader's development of word recognition, fluent reading, and comprehension. Home reading books should be at an easy level. Practising fluent reading on these easy texts will support the development of your child's comprehension.

Some tips to help your child with reading at home.

Before reading

TALK about the pictures & the title on the cover.

ASK: What do you think will happen in the story?

LOOK through the book and encourage your child to **PREDICT** what the story may be about.

During reading

ALWAYS praise your child's efforts.

ASK: What do you think will happen next in the story? How do you think this character is feeling? What makes you think that?

After reading

ASK: What happened – at the beginning, in the middle, and at the end of the story?

Can you think of a time when this happened to you?

Above all, have fun reading with your child!



Mathematics

Level Spotlight: Preps

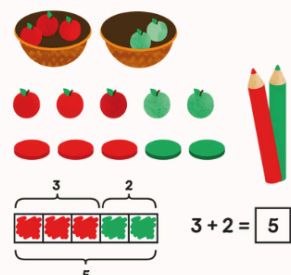
Our very first Level Spotlight for 2025 is focusing on learning in Prep!

My intention for Level Spotlights is to share how learning occurs in these levels, share some photos of learning in action and to offer advice and guidance for parents so they can support learning at home.

Learning in Prep

Concrete - Pictorial - Abstract Learning

At St Jude's we are strong believers that children learn by doing before anything else. This is the same theory behind the Concrete - Pictorial - Abstract (CPA) approach to learning. The CPA is a highly effective approach to teaching that develops a deep and sustainable understanding of maths.



Pictured are our Preps engaging in some learning about counting and 'subitising'. Want to support this at home? Play games involving dice! This also supports their counting skills, too!



FROM THE GARDEN

A huge thank you to all parents and children who helped water the garden over the school holidays. It was very much appreciated. You were able to help it survive some very hot weather.

An enormous thankyou to Jan (grandmother of Lewis and Layla) who helps every week in the garden and gives us wonderful help and ideas. Also thank you to Carmen (Alannah and Evelyn's Mum) who helps each week when she can and Rosemary (grandmother to Isabelle and Emily) who is starting to help us this year. We are very grateful to these people for their time and effort.

We have 12 new ELFS from 3/4 this Term and they are doing a wonderful Job already.

This year in the Garden we have divided the gardening areas between the 3/4 Classes. They are having a wonderful time at the moment digging, planting, weeding, composting and general upkeep. More news to come as the weeks go on.!!!!

Sue Tobin
Sustainability Coordinator



TeethOnWheels™
a positive dental experience

Dear Families,

Final Reminder

We have Teeth On Wheels visiting our school for dental check-ups and oral health education starting the **March 14th 2025**.

[Click here](#) to sign your child up - IT MIGHT BE FREE!

Please complete your form today and the Teeth On Wheels team will be in contact to schedule your child's appointment and notify you if your child's eligible for **FREE** dental care through the Child Dental Benefit Schedule.

CUT OFF DATE FOR COMPLETING YOUR CHILDS FORM IS ON THE March 7th 2025.

Any further questions, please contact the Teeth On Wheels team on (03) 9338 1191.

EXCITING NEWS

Teeth on Wheels will be visiting our School!



At Teeth On Wheels, we provide the highest quality dental treatment while making it fun, positive and memorable for children.

With the help of the government your child might be eligible for **FREE** dental care.

Our dental services include:

- ✓ Check-ups
- ✓ Oral Health Education
- ✓ Scale, Clean & Fluoride Treatments
- ✓ Fissure Sealants
- ✓ X-rays
- ✓ Fillings
- ✓ Extractions




CLICK OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM

Facebook: [TeethOnWheelsAustralia](#)

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Email: info@teethonwheels.com.au



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SEMINAR FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Social media

Online gaming

Strengthening family communication

Impacts of screen time

Cyberbullying

Managing devices at home

Child & tween online trends

Explicit/adult content

St Jude's Parish Primary

Wednesday 30th April | 7.00 - 8.30 pm



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*This session is strictly for parents and carers only as the content is not suitable for children.



Presented by
Martin McGauran,
primary teacher and
digital safety educator
and Carley McGauran,
psychologist and mum
to 3 school-aged kids.



An evening that provided some reality checks! A few new changes in our home this week! - Parent

Marty and Carley were simply sensational. Their presentation was relevant, honest and informative. A MUST for each school, every year. - Principal

Incredible session... Should be essential for all parents! - Parent

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St Jude's Photo Day Monday 17th March

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING UP SOON

ORDER NOW

School: St Jude's Primary School

Date of photography: 17/03/2025

Place order by: 27/03/2025

HOW TO ORDER



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