



NEWSLETTER

7th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Our first whole school production was a fantastic success, showcasing the hard work, creativity, and dedication of our students. The enthusiasm they brought to each rehearsal and performance made the production an event to remember, with plenty of laughter, talent, and teamwork on display. Watching them shine on stage, it was clear how much effort each student put into bringing their roles to life, and the pride they felt in their accomplishments was evident to all who attended. The production served as a wonderful opportunity for students to grow in confidence and develop skills in areas such as public speaking, acting, and teamwork.

This event would not have been possible without the tireless vision and work of our amazing Arts team. Their organisation of rehearsals, encouragement of students and ensuring every detail was just right was incredible. Mrs K, Mrs Prib and Mrs Hayes, thank you!

A big thank you to the rest of the staff who supported students, practised songs and encouraged all. We would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to the parents who supported their children, whether by helping them learn their lines, organising costumes, or simply cheering them on from the audience. Your encouragement and involvement made this production a true community effort, and we are incredibly grateful for the warmth and enthusiasm that you all brought. Thank you for helping make this event such a memorable and positive experience for everyone involved.

At St Jude's we are better together!

Colour Explosion Fundraiser

I would like to thank all parents and extended families for their support of our colour explosion fundraiser which will be held this Friday on our school oval. Parents and families are very welcome to join us. If it was like our previous colour explosion it promises to be loads of fun.

2025 Planning

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, I kindly ask that you inform me if your child/children will not be returning to St Jude's next year. This information is crucial for our planning and resource allocation. Additionally, if you have any class requests, please email me directly. Please note that these requests should be based on **academic needs** rather than friendship preferences. There are many factors to consider when allocating classes, and our priority is to create the best learning environment for every student. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Uniform Update

As we are moving to a new uniform supplier Peninsula Uniforms will no longer be holding our current uniform, the cut off for ordering online with them will be next Monday 11th November.

There will be a flash sale held here at school with leftover stock. More information will come once we have picked up the remaining stock. Reminding you all that there will be a two year transition period from current uniform to our new one.

Yours Sincerely,

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Marita O'Sullivan

2024 SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Reason
Friday 8th November	Colour Explosion Fun Run
Thursday 14th November at 9.00am - 10.30am Thursday 21st November at 9.00am - 10.30am Thursday 28th November at 9.00am - 10.30am Thursday 5th December at 9.00am - 10.30am	Prep 202₿ Orientation Days
5th December	Christmas Carols/Picnic 5.30-7.30pm
10th December	Whole School Transition Morning
Monday 16th December	Year 6 Graduation Night
Tuesday 17th December 1pm Finish	Last day of Term 4
Wednesday 29th January	Year 1-6 students first day
Thursday 30th January	Prep students first day



On Monday we celebrate Remembrance day. A day when we stop and remember our history and all those who laid down their lives so that we could have freedom. It is a funny concept to explain to children that we stop and remember those who lost their lives in WW1 which seems so long ago now.

During the service we remind students to be respectful, remembering all of the people who fought for us and gave us freedom. During this time we also pray and reflect on those who still serve in many ways to keep us safe today. Maybe, just maybe this same link can be made for the life of Jesus, the one whom we all look towards to live our best lives. We often ask students to pray quietly in thanksgiving to Jesus for peace and freedom that Christians believe through Jesus' sacrifice gave us life and love.

This weekend's Gospel passage is one that tells us how the 'poor widow has put more in than all who contributed'. It seems timely that it has fallen on the day before Remembrance Day. In this passage we are taught that Jesus was more grateful for the poor widow woman who gave the little she had, than others who gave little but were wealthy. It made me reflect on how we serve each other and God in all interactions. I am not suggesting we give money, but maybe taking some time to think about how we can help each in the little ways which when put together mean more than all the gold in the world.

History tells us many stories of war times where people helped each other and went above and beyond in the line of service. Maybe this week we can take a moment to pray for all those who serve in our lives. Who use their kind hearts to make a difference in what they do, and who they are.

OH WHAT A NIGHT





















ST JUDES SPORTS REPORT



SSV STATE ATHLETICS 2024

Congratulations to Rick, Jeremy and Santino who all participated at the SSV State Athletics on Wednesday. We are all so proud of these three students for progressing to this stage! They all did an outstanding job representing St Jude's and should be extremely proud of their effort on the day!

Results from the day:

-Rick finished 8th in 11 Year old Boys Hurdles

-Santino finished 4th in 11 Year old Boys High Jump

-Jeremy finished 8th in 9/10 Boys High Jump

Well done boys!!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Harry participated in the State of Origin Super 10's Tournament



Lily placed 2nd for Jazz and Character Solos and was awarded the Age Aggregate (< 8)

Basketball Champions!







National Recycling Week

National Recycling Week is held every year during the second week of November as an education and behaviour change campaign. Every year since 1996 Planet Ark aim to use this week to increase people's awareness of the environmental benefits of recycling programs. National Recycling Week provides us all with an opportunity to move towards avoiding waste through building on our daily habits to avoid, reduce, reuse and recycle at home, at work, and in the community.

This year at school, just like last year we are asking classes to have a focus on Recycling and reteach what students already know about the 4 bin system at our school. Did you know that we separate waste in every area of our school into 4 categories, general waste, recycling, paper and compost. Moreover all paper is collected, boxed and sent to a paper recycling place in Dandenong. The money raised from this action is donated to St Vincent De Paul and used to help those in need.

Again we are asking families to have a look around at home and see if you have any of the following products that you can bring to school that we can recycle for you. Students to bring in old textas, pens, batteries and ink cartridges that can be taken to officeworks to be recycled properly instead of ending up in landfill.



