

6 March 2025

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



Register to attend:
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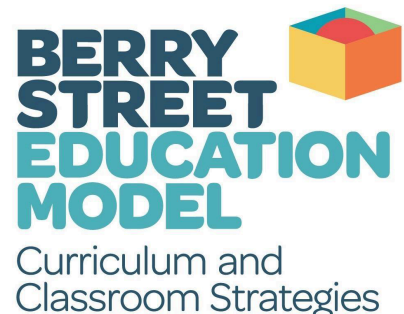
Dear Parents & Carers,

Berry Street Training

A reminder that this **Friday (7/3) school will be closed to students** as we continue our professional development with the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM). This model focuses on supporting the emotional, social, and academic development of students to help them thrive both in and out of the classroom.

So far, our staff has completed Day 1 and Day 2 of the training, which focused on key areas of teaching and learning:

- Day 1: Body - This day focused on how physical wellbeing and sensory regulation are essential for learning. We learned strategies to help students manage their emotions and focus better during the school day.
- Day 2: Relationships - This day concentrated on building strong, positive relationships with students. It emphasised the importance of trust, respect and understanding in fostering a supportive classroom environment.



On Friday, we will complete Day 3, which will focus on Stamina, helping students build resilience and perseverance when faced with challenges. This training will help our teachers to create even more supportive, engaging and effective learning experiences for all students.

Our training will conclude with our Day 4 training on Friday 22nd August. The final day will focus on Engagement - strategies to keep students motivated and fully involved in their learning.

We are confident that these strategies will help enhance your child's learning and well-being in the long run. We appreciate your understanding and support as we invest in our staff to provide the best education possible for your child.

Parents & Friends Group

The St Jude's Parents & Friends Group (P&F) plays a vital role in supporting the school by fostering a strong sense of community among families, staff and students. The group's primary objectives are to support the school, organise social events, raise funds and help create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all. Unlike formal committees, the P&F does not have elected positions; every parent or caregiver of a child attending the school is automatically considered a general member. The group operates in a flexible manner, making it easy for parents to get involved as much or as little as they like, depending on their interests and availability.

At the recent P&F meeting, a number of ideas were shared, with a key focus on involving as many parents as possible in shaping activities and events. To gather input and ensure that the events planned for this year reflect the interests of our school community, a survey will be sent out next week. This will give parents the opportunity to share their ideas and indicate their level of interest in various events for both students and families.

The P&F is a fluid and open group, allowing parents to contribute in ways that suit their schedules, whether that means helping at a single event, attending meetings occasionally, or taking on a more active role in planning and organising activities. The staff level leaders; Emily Toigo, Jessica Bortoli and Shannon White are always part of the group, ensuring a strong connection between the school and its families. This year, all fundraising efforts will go towards installing much needed shade sails over the new junior playground, sandpit, grassed area, and Gaga pit, providing essential sun protection and enhancing outdoor play spaces for students. By working together, the P&F helps create memorable experiences for students, strengthens relationships within the school community, and provides valuable support to enhance the learning environment at St Jude's.

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.

Unfortunately the new polo shirts will not be ready in time for our photo day. Both the uniform company and I know that this is not ideal, they will however be ready before the end of Term 1.

St Jude's Photo Day Monday 17th March

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2025 Sacrament Dates

Reconciliation Information Meeting (parents and student to attend) - Thursday 13th March
6.30pm - 7.30pm

Sacrament Reconciliation - Thursday 27th March 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Confirmation Information Meeting (parents and student to attend) - Thursday 22nd May
6.30pm - 7.30pm

Sacrament of Confirmation - **Thursday 5th June 5.00pm**

Eucharist Information Meeting (parents and student to attend) - Thursday 24th July
6.30pm - 7.30pm

Sacrament of Eucharist - Sunday 10th August 11.30am

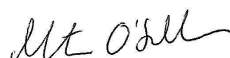
Camps, Sports and Excursions fund (CSEF)

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

Yours Sincerely,



Marita O'Sullivan

2025 School Closure Dates including Public Holidays during School Terms

Term	Date	Reason
Term 1	Friday 7th March	Curriculum Day Berry Street Day 3
	Monday 10th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
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
Term 3	Wednesday 30th July	Parent Teacher Interviews School finishes at 1pm
	Friday 22nd August	Curriculum Day Berry Street Day 4
	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



Try to be good
and follow Jesus

Yesterday was a beautiful change in the Catholic liturgical year, Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Processing into the church during Lent we notice the 'bareness'. The decorations and colours of ordinary time are replaced in a sea of purple reminding us that we are journeying to Easter.

Ash Wednesday is a beautiful celebration in the Church. Every year, after Mass I am reminded of the public, outward pledge of ashes on our foreheads letting people know that we have been to church! It also begins the dialogue about Lenten promises. So often, the first question I am asked is- what are you giving up? Or how will *you* cope without chocolate for 40 days?

More importantly maybe we need to ask why you might give something up, or should you? If it is just to prove you can, maybe you need a new 40 day promise. Lent is much more than a new challenge, it's about renewing our relationship with God and getting to know Him that little better by replacing luxuries with prayer. I often tell my students about my favourite Italian Nun, who gives up tomatoes for Lent- and that she's so good she gives them up all year (she actually hates them)! She always uses this subject to explain to people that Lent is about taking up, not giving up. Making time for God through prayer and helping others rather than fasting from something in our lives. About making more time for God in our Business. Turning towards, not away from him for the next 40 days.

I invite you to have a conversation with your family about how they want to change as we journey to Easter. Maybe as a family you strive to attend weekly Mass, share a bedtime prayer together every night, or donate pocket money to Caritas. Whatever your family chooses, may God bless you all this Lenten season.



*Reconciliation
Sacrament*

INFORMATION NIGHT
MARCH 13TH 6:30 IN THE HALL
*Parents and students receiving
sacrament must attend*

SACRAMENT
MARCH 27TH 6:30 IN THE CHURCH

WELLBEING AT ST JUDE'S



INFORM AND EMPOWER CYBERSAFETY STUDENT WEBINARS

It was fantastic to see all students from Prep to Year 6 participate in their first 'Inform & Empower' Cyber Safety Workshop.

- Our Prep students focused on making clever screen time choices.
- Our Year 1/2 students learned what actually is the internet and trusted adults.
- Our Year 3/4 students gained an understanding of their digital footprint.
- Our Year 5/6 students further developed their understanding on how to keep their online accounts secure and the internet law.

All students will participate in webinars in Term 2 with different focuses catering to each age groups specific needs on Cyber Safety.



INFORM AND EMPOWER CYBERSAFETY PARENT/CARER INFORMATION NIGHT

We are delighted to see so many parents/carers RSVP to the Cyber Safety information night on Wednesday the 30th of April. If you are interested in this seminar, then please see the next page for more information and how to RSVP.

If you have any questions on the Inform and Empower programs then please feel free to contact me:
Milan Greco: mgreco@sjlangwarrin.catholic.edu.au

St Jude's Student Wellbeing Team:
Dimity Hemingway, Donna Rowland,
Darren Perry, Marita O'Sullivan, Andy
Wanke & Milan Greco

RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

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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SPECIALIST NEWS

ART

In Art we celebrated Chinese New Year, Year of the Snake. Prep students experimented with painting techniques using a variety of tools to create a coiled snake mobile. Grade 3/4 studied pattern, repetition and movement to construct a snake puppet.



ITALIAN

In Italian, Senior students have been extending their knowledge of conversational expressions through songs and games. Year 1 students have been playing games and singing songs to reinforce their learning of colours and numbers.

Through songs and games the Year 2s have been learning how to express emotions and reinforcing prior knowledge of colours and numbers.



SPECIALIST NEWS

PE



P.E has started with a blast with our middle and senior students participating in Striking and Fielding sports such as Cricket, T-Ball and Softball. Our Preps are enjoying participating in team/energiser based activities. The Year 1/2 students began the term with teamwork games and are now working on their basketball skills.



STEM



In STEM, our Year 1 and Year 2 classes have been exploring the concept of gravity, using planks and ping pong balls to build sloped tracks. Our 5/6s have been learning about translucent and transparent materials, while learning about how shadows are formed. We made 'bat symbol lights'!



SPECIALIST NEWS

LIBRARY



This term in the Library, the Preps have been exploring rhyming words! We've enjoyed reading stories, listening for words that sound alike, and playing fun rhyming games.

The 3/4s have focused on Non-Fiction research, learning about text features and exploring the non-fiction section. They're now ready to start their Mini Project—creating a brochure using their research skills!

DRAMA



In Drama, Prep students have been learning how to move around the room safely. They have also explored simple emotions, such as happy and sad. Students are learning to act out these emotions using their face and body. Year 3/4 students have played a variety of Drama games exploring different voice levels. They have also been working on actor information pages to display in the Drama Room.





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

OPTION 1 ORDER AND PAY ONLINE USING YOUR MOBILE

Scan this QR code using your mobile phone camera to go straight to your school's package options and order photos

OPTION 2 ORDER AND PAY ONLINE USING YOUR COMPUTER

Go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter your school's 9 digit order code
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Should you have any questions please contact us at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact



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Dear Families,

Final Reminder

We have Teeth On Wheels visiting our school for dental check-ups and oral health education starting on 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.

LAST CHANCE

To complete your form



Complete your E-form today and a Teeth on Wheels team member will contact you if your child is eligible for **FREE DENTAL CARE!**



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COMMUNITY INFORMATION



OPEN DAY-

Wonnai Preschool

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PROUDLY OFFERING FREE KINDER FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS, WONNAI IS THE PERFECT PLACE TO BEGIN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION; TAUGHT BY OUR WARM, PROFESSIONAL, EXPERIENCED TEAM OF EDUCATORS.

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NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD

Saturday
29th
March
10am-12pm



Bayport Preschool
located just off
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old and 4 year-old
kindergarten.



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REGISTRATIONS FOR 2026 WILL BE OPENING SOON ON THE FRANKSTON COUNCIL'S WEBSITE.



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Charlie Silly Pants

9TH APRIL

11AM-12PM & 1-2PM

SESSION

\$7.50 per person

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