

21st August 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

It's always a wonderful time of term when classes head off on camp and create lifelong memories.

I have no doubt that the Year 3/4 students have come home with lots of stories, new friendships and even amazed families with the foods they ate that they would never contemplate at home!

A huge thank you to the team of staff who went above and beyond for the students in their care. Well done to Mr. Greco for his organisation and Miss Bortoli, Miss Strauss, Miss H, Mrs Martin, Mrs Willcourt, Mrs Hemingway, Mrs Rowland, Mrs Knights, Mrs Betros and Mr. Hammond for their time, care and effort while away from their own beds, home and families. I have no doubt they used today to recharge after a very tiring but rewarding time on camp!

A big thanks to all of our staff who were here at school for picking up extra duties and ensuring that we continued to work hard while the 3/4's were on camp. These events are truly a team effort.



School Closure Friday 22nd August - Berry St Training

A reminder that Friday (tomorrow) 22nd August is a school closure day. Our staff will complete the fourth and final module of our Berry St training. The Character module of Berry Street Education Model training focuses on building students' resilience, empathy, and sense of values. It equips educators with practical strategies to foster strengths-based learning, encourage ethical decision-making, and support young people in developing the social-emotional skills needed for thriving relationships, self-motivation, and a strong sense of identity. We think this fits in very well with the values we try to embody here at St Jude's. We look forward to a wonderful day of learning for our whole staff.

Their Care will be open for booked students who require supervision.

New staff

This term we have welcomed two new staff to St Jude's. Mrs Sarah Phillips is taking music classes until the end of 2025 and has already worked with our Prep and 3/4 students the past fortnight during our specialist lessons.



We also welcome Miss Eryn Rosowski to our Learning Support Officer team. Eryn is working across a range of classes and has already shown her basketball prowess, taking on many of our senior students down on the courts. Look out Riek and Santino!

I have no doubt that they have already had a warm welcome from our St Jude's family.



Book Week

Earlier this week an Operoo flyer went home with details regarding Book Week at St Jude's. We have delayed our celebration of all things books by a week so that our whole school community could take part. A huge thanks to our literacy leader Mrs Caroline Hume for planning a sensational week. There are many opportunities for home involvement, concluding with our spectacular parade next Friday the 29th August from 8.45am in the hall. Parents and friends are of course most welcome!

Father's/Special Person Day Breakfast

The following Friday, 5th September we will have our Father's Day Breakfast from 7-8.30am in the school gym. Please remember to RSVP [via this link](#) so we can cater accurately. We look forward to Dad's/Special persons/s joining us for our yummy egg and bacon rolls, tea and coffee. Don't forget to support our raffle-see the flyer from Operoo and in this newsletter for more information!

Australian Catholic Education Conference

This week Mrs O has been in sunny Cairns with over 1400 principals and school leaders at the nationwide conference. I am sure she will share lots of her information in upcoming assemblies and newsletters upon her return! Education is a lifelong learning experience and there is always more to share and know. Many thanks to our school leadership team and entire staff for stepping up and supporting me this week while I tried to fill Mrs O's shoes!

House Athletics Day

Lastly, a reminder that next Monday 25th is our re-scheduled House Athletics Day, students come dressed in sports uniform and a tinge of house colours if they wish. Crossing our fingers that the great weather we have had this week continues!



Yours Sincerely,

Darren Perry
Deputy Principal

Father's Day

We will be hosting our Father's Day/Special Persons Breakfast on Friday the 5th of September in the Gym, from 7am.

This year we will be providing egg and bacon rolls for families.

At the end of our celebration, we will be drawing our Father's Day Raffle to help cover the costs of our breakfast.



Father's Day

As part of our Father's Day Breakfast we have a special Father's Day Raffle!

We're on the lookout for donations to help celebrate the incredible Dads and Father figures in our community. Big or small, every contribution will help make the day extra special.

If you have something you're able to donate, please bring in your contributions to our School Office. As a thank you, all business that donate will be acknowledged and advertised in our newsletter and across our social media platforms.

Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated!





Sometimes in life we come to a crossroads. At work, school or with our friends and family we get into situations where there are multiple options to take. Some seem easier, flat and predictable, while others seem to be less defined or more difficult.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks to his disciples about the importance of choosing the right path, even when it's hard. He tells them to enter by the "narrow door," reminding us all that living a life of kindness, honesty and love isn't always the easiest choice, but it is the one that leads us closer to God.

For our children, this message can be lived out in very real ways each day:

- Choosing to tell the truth, even when it's hard.
- Being a good friend, especially to someone who feels left out.
- Helping at home or at school, not for praise, but because it's the right thing to do.
- Standing up for what's fair, even when others don't.

Jesus also reminds us that simply saying we know Him isn't enough. We are called to live like Him in our words and actions. This Gospel is a powerful reminder for us all that it's the quiet acts of love, honesty, and service that truly matter.

As families, may we continue to guide our children to walk through that "narrow door", not because it is easy, but because it leads to a life of meaning, joy, and deep connection with God.

Have a blessed week,

Lauren Considine

Term 3 Important Dates

Date	Reason
22nd August	School Closure Berry Street PD
25th - 29th August	Book Week-'Book an Adventure'
29th August	Book Week Parade
3rd September	SSV District Athletics
5th September	Fathers Day Breakfast
11th September	SSV District Athletics Back Ups
12th September	Fri - Student Disco Prep - Year 2 5pm - 6.15 Yr 3 - 6 6.30pm - 7.45pm
18th September	Footy Day - Parade 8.45am Last day of Term 3.15pm finish
19th September	School closure -Time in Lieu

2025 School Closure Dates including Public Holidays during School Terms

Term	Date	Reason
Term 3	Friday 22nd August	Curriculum Day Berry Street Day 4
	Thursday 18th September	Footy Day Last day of Term - 3.15pm finish
	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 1pm finish



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Caroline Hume
English & Enrichment Leader

Book Week (25- 29 August)

This term, we will be celebrating 'Book Week' at St Jude's. Although the CBCA Book Week is from 18-22 August, due to the 3/4 camp and the school closure day on Friday 22nd August, we will be celebrating the following week at St Jude's.



Take the Book Selfie Challenge!

We invite all our St Jude's families to share a **Book Selfie** with us. Take a photo of your family with their favourite book or books. Your book recommendations will be posted to the St Jude's Facebook page to celebrate Book Week.

Email your Book Selfies to -
socialmedia@sjlangwarrin.catholic.edu.au

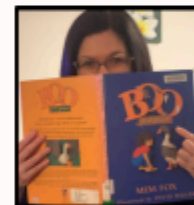


Book Week Character Dress-Up Parade

As part of our Book Week celebrations, we are hosting a **Character Dress-Up Parade**. We invite all students to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to express their creativity and share their love of reading with their peers.

Date: Friday 29th August

Time: 8.45am in the school hall



We are looking forward to you joining us for a wonderful celebration of books and reading at St Jude's.

Gold Coin Donation to

Reading Out of Poverty (ROOP) is an Australian not-for-profit organisation dedicated to promoting and delivering early literacy programs among children from low socio-economic backgrounds.

On Book Week Character Dress-Up Day, we will be raising money to provide a **pop-up library** for the children in Yarrabah, a remote Indigenous community in Far North Queensland. Children's access to books and literacy resources is severely limited and the need is urgent in Yarrabah.

We kindly ask that you bring a gold coin to help us transform a child's life forever. Thank you.



ROOP pop-up library



BOOK CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY



BOOK WEEK IS HERE!

Let's bring stories to life ✨



Friday 29th August

Bring a **gold coin donation**, and
**come dressed as your favourite
book character** for the whole day!

♥ **Funds raised** will help bring the **joy of reading to Indigenous
children** in remote communities like **Yarrabah**, Far North
Queensland.



SUPPORT THE CAUSE





Mon 25 - Fri 29

This Book Week, we invite you to take the #BOOKSELFIE



Recommend your family's favourite books by taking a "BOOK SELFIE"
in an unique, exotic, unusual or adventurous location!

Here's some
examples of
"book selfies"

Email your family's "book selfie" to:

socialmedia@sjlangwarrin.catholic.edu.au

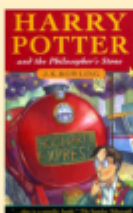
to be featured on our
Facebook page
during Book Week!



All photos to
be sent by
Sunday 24th
August!



Your paragraph text



SPECIALIST NEWS

ART



Prep students collaborated on an outdoor installation called 'The Flock,' using beach rubbish that is often found in their habitats to print patterns onto a shorebird. These incredible birds migrate each year from as far as Syberia to our shores and symbolise the 2025 jubilee theme 'Pilgrims of Hope.' Grade 3/4 students created collaged shorebirds taking inspiration from the book 'Hope is the Thing' by Erica Wagner. They also worked together to build scarecrows for the school gardens.

This term Grade 1/2 students learned about the Emu in the sky, creating their own mixed media Emu's after reading 'Awesome Emu' by Gregg Dreise.

Senior students are studying First Nation artist Brian Robinson and they are busy developing landscapes that blend pop culture symbols with patterns representing their own culture and interests. Stay tuned for their final artworks...

ITALIAN



This term, I had the privilege of taking Italian whilst the lovely Mrs Colavecchio was on leave, travelling throughout Italy. The preps began their Italian journey, learning common Italian phrases and Italian customs. They learnt to count to 10 and played Tombola (Bingo!) to demonstrate their understanding. The Grade 3/4 students learnt Italian phrases and used this to gather information about their peer's favourite book, TV show, food and animal. They deepened their understanding of Italian festivities, with special focus on Ferragosto, which signals the Assumption of Mary. Mrs Colavecchio returns this week. The preps created 'Welcome back' cards in Italian for her return, whilst the 3/4 students have planned a demonstration of their learning.



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SPECIALIST NEWS

PE



PE this term has focused on all things Athletics! Students are practising in the events they will be participating in on the 25th of August. Our middle and senior students will participate in:

- Long Jump
- Discus
- Shot Put
- High Jump
- Triple Jump
- 800m
- 100 sprint

Our Junior students are participating in a variety of novelty based Athletic events, as well as the 100m sprints. We are all looking forward to our Athletics Day and celebrating our house spirit!



STEM



PREP STEM

The Preps have wholeheartedly leapt into STEM learning this term. We have been learning about the properties of materials, using picture stories as inspiration. Check out the Magnificent Things we created using a range of different materials.



YEAR 3/4 STEM

Our Year 3/4 students have been learning about solids, liquids and gases. We have created models of how these particles interact with each other.

We experimented with melting chocolates. Did you know that Flakes don't melt?



SPECIALIST NEWS

LIBRARY



This term in Library, we have been diving into the CBCA Shortlisted Books and celebrating the Book Week theme, **Book an Adventure**. We've been exploring the different categories, discussing what makes each story special, and enjoying the many ways books can transport us on a journey.

In Grades 1 and 2, we read **'Don't Worry Felix'** and **'The Wobbly Bike'**. Both of these stories connect beautifully to emotional literacy. The students loved discussing how the characters overcame challenges and even made connections to times in their own lives when they've had to be brave or try something new.

In Grades 5 and 6, we explored **'South with the Seabirds'**. Students practised their research skills while learning about four incredible scientists and the fascinating history of Macquarie Island. We also read **'A Leaf Called Grief'**, which inspired thoughtful discussions and gave students the chance to respond in ways that connected to their own experiences.

It has been such a joy to see the students so engaged, enjoying these wonderful books, and embracing the adventure that reading brings.

DRAMA



This term in Drama, our Year 1 and 2 students have been exploring the exciting world of characters and emotions. Through imaginative play and creative movement, students have been learning how to act out different roles and express a wide range of emotions.

To showcase their learning, each student created a mini poster featuring a character they would love to act out in Drama. The creativity on display was fantastic! Some of the characters included a princess, a truck driver, a teacher, a singer, and even a beach ball!

It's been wonderful to see students build confidence, express themselves, and have fun through drama. We can't wait to see what characters come to life next!

This term in Drama, our Year 5 and 6 students have been learning about the art of improvisation, where there are no scripts and performers have to think on their feet. To practise this important drama skill, students have been taking part in a variety of short games that help them respond quickly, as a team, and think creatively in the moment.

It's been great to see students stepping out of their comfort zones, taking creative risks, and having lots of fun along the way. We're excited to continue building these skills as the term goes on!



SPECIALIST NEWS

MUSIC



It has been wonderful getting to know the Preps and the Grade 3 /4's and having fun in the Music Room with them.

This term we have been focusing on rhythm and beat through body percussion, exploring different unpitched percussion instruments and playing some music games. We also have been listening to some different songs in the 'Music Appreciation' section of our lessons and it has been great to hear how each individual responds to a piece of music. After listening to 'Walking on Sunshine' one of the prep students said he liked it because it 'made his ears happy!' One of the 3 /4 students explained how he liked the song 'Yellow' because it reminded him of his parents.

The Grade 3 /4 students did a fantastic job at playing as an ensemble to the 'Waltz of the Flowers' from the Nutcracker using tambourines, triangles and drums. They sounded amazing!

During Book Week, the Preps brought to life the book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' using all different instruments to make the sounds of the grass, river, mud, forest and snowstorm. They really used their imaginations when exploring the different sounds the percussion instruments made and how they could use them to tell the story.

Keep up the excellent work Prep and Grade 3 /4!

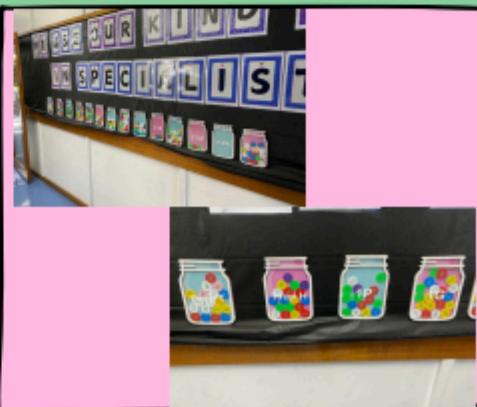
SPECIALISTS REWARDS

Our students have been working hard in their specialist lessons to make positive choices and earn tokens for their specialist reward jars. Once their jar is full, the class gets the chance to flip a coin.

Heads means free time outside, tails means free time inside!

It's wonderful to see so many classes reaching their goals and celebrating their efforts together.

In addition, our specialist teachers are keeping an eye out for individual students who go above and beyond in their specialist lessons. These students will be recognised with Specialist Awards later this term, so keep an eye out for our award winners!





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Round 12 | Date & time TBC

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