



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



NEWSLETTER

3rd April 2025

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



Register to attend:
bit.ly/stjudeslang

A reminder that school finishes tomorrow at 1pm

Dear Parents/carers

It is amazing to think that we are already approaching the holidays! Term One has been a vibrant and exciting time, filled with learning, growth, and plenty of memorable moments. From engaging classroom activities to whole-school celebrations that brought our community together, it's been wonderful to see students embracing new challenges with enthusiasm.

Today was a special and memorable day for our Term One 'Little Legend' award recipients! To celebrate their efforts, we welcomed a visit from the Mr Whippy Van (Whipitup Ice Cream), and each of our **52 Little Legends** enjoyed a well deserved ice cream. This award was introduced in 2023 to recognise students who consistently make positive choices and contribute to a supportive and respectful school environment. Congratulations to all our **Little Legends**, we are so proud of you!



This term marks a significant milestone for our 46 Prep students, who have achieved so much in their very first term of schooling. Every year, I am amazed by how quickly they adapt, grow in confidence and become an integral part of the St Jude's family. Each child brings their own unique gifts to our community, enriching our school in so many ways. I had the privilege of interviewing a few of these incredible young learners to hear firsthand what they have loved most about their time at St Jude's so far.

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www.sjlangwarrin.catholic.edu.au
OFFICE HOURS: 8.30am – 4.00pm

'I like learning new letters, like phonics' (Tori)
'Playing on the bars in the playground' (Evie)
'The basketball court is the best' (Ollie R)
'When I learn about letters' (Audrey)
'I like writing' (Casey)
'Playing on the monkey bars in the playground (Mack)
'I like colouring in' (Jack)
'I love Heggerty' (Amelia M)



Prep 2026

A reminder that if you have a child who is requiring a place for 2026 it is now time to complete your online enrolment forms. We have already had a large number of enrolments come in, it would be good to have all siblings enrolment forms in as soon as possible. Please note that applications close by Friday 30th May.

[Click here to start your application](#)

Easter Raffle

Thank you for your support of our Easter Egg Raffle. There are over 30 prizes. The raffle will be drawn after recess tomorrow, our final day for the term.

Academic Polo Shirt Exchange

As communicated the academic polo shirt has had a fabric update therefore the supplier is operating an exchange program. We began this yesterday and will operate the exchange program tomorrow morning (**Friday 4/4**) from **8.30am - 9am** in the junior building in the meeting room (next door to Prep H and 1G). This is the final opportunity to exchange at school. If you are unable to attend yourself please send polos with your child and they can attend in the morning.

Please note from 7.4.2025 the polo exchange program can only be processed at the Clyde Store - online exchanges cannot be accepted.

The polo exchange program cut off date is 1.6.2025- All polo exchanges MUST be completed by this date.

Their Care

Their Care is operating tomorrow from 1pm and on Tuesday 22nd April for any child requiring supervision. (<https://theircare.fullybookedccms.com.au/family/login>)



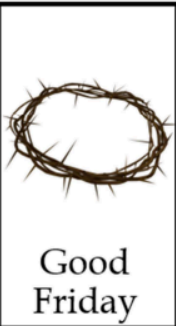



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School Holiday & Easter Trading Hours

Mon- Fri 9am-5pm
Sat 9am- 1pm
EASTER
Good Friday - 18/4- Closed
Easter Saturday -9am-1pm
Easter Sunday- Closed
Easter Monday- 9am-1pm
Open online-24/7

As we conclude a busy and rewarding Term One, we encourage everyone to take time to rest, recharge, and enjoy a well earned break. With Easter just around the corner, may this be a time of joy, reflection, and celebration with family and friends. I have included Mass times for Holy Week. As always all families are welcome to attend. We look forward to welcoming our students back, refreshed and ready for another fantastic term, on Wednesday, 23rd April.

 Palm Sunday	 Holy Thursday	 Good Friday	 Easter Sunday
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HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

Palm Sunday – 12th April 2025 - 6.30pm
– 13th April 2025 - 8.30am & 10.00am

Holy Thursday – 17th April 2025 – 7.00pm

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross – 10.00am
– 18th April 2025 – 3.00pm

Easter Vigil – 19th April 2025 - 6.30pm

Easter Sunday – 20th April 2025 - 10.00am

Yours Sincerely,

Marita O'Sullivan

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

2025 School Closure Dates including Public Holidays during School Terms


Term	Date	Reason
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
	Monday 30th June - Wednesday 2nd July	Year 5/6 Camp Sovereign Hill Camp
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





While Easter is still a couple of weeks away, with holidays beginning this weekend it seemed like the perfect time to talk about Holy Week. Completing Term One, we can take some time to stop and reflect how far we have come. For some of our students, they have completed many firsts, and for others, they have completed some things for the last time at St Jude's. This term has provided us all with times of joy, challenge, love and hope! It seems only fitting that we will arrive back to Term 2 with a new Hope and Joy that comes with the Resurrected Christ.


But before we begin celebrating the joy that comes with Easter, we need to acknowledge the Journey to the Cross. Holy Week is such a special time in the Church year. It is when we remember the journey of Jesus—His love, His sacrifice, and His victory over death.

So what are the key events of Holy Week?

 **Palm Sunday** – We remember when Jesus entered Jerusalem, and people welcomed Him by waving palm branches and shouting, "**Hosanna!**" It was a joyful day filled with hope!

 **Holy Thursday** – On this night, Jesus shared the **Last Supper** with His disciples. He gave us the gift of the **Eucharist** and showed us how to serve others with love and kindness. His actions give us hope in the power of love and humility.

 **Good Friday** – A solemn day when we remember Jesus' great love for us. He carried the cross and gave His life to save us. Even in the darkest moment, hope remained, because God's love never fails.

 **Easter Sunday** – The most joyful day of all! Jesus rose from the dead, bringing us new life and **the greatest hope of all**—that God's love is stronger than anything. His Resurrection reminds us that no matter what challenges we face, **hope will always shine through**.

At home you might like to work through Holy week with your family. I have provided a link to a resource made that can help you.

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As we journey through this **Jubilee Year of Hope**, may Holy Week remind us that **God's love and promises are always with us**. Let's take time to pray, be kind, and share hope with those around us. Wishing you a blessed Holy Week and a joyful Easter!



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge 2025

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is **now open** to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by **5 September 2025**.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books. All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

The Premiers' Reading Challenge website offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
 - a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and to register your child for the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge> If you would like your child to participate, they will need to be registered as a **Home-based reader**.

For instructions on how to register as a **Home-based reader**, click [here](#). If you would like any further assistance with the registration, please email Caroline Hume (Literacy and Enrichment Leader) at St Jude's - chume@sjlangwarrin.catholic.edu.au.





Learning at

ST JUDE'S LANGWARRIN



Caroline Hume
English & Enrichment Leader



Braden Hammond - STEM teacher,
Mathematics & Enrichment Leader

English

Learning in Years One & Two

Independent Reading

Students in the Year One and Two classes have been practising their reading during the daily 'Independent reading' session. This is an important component of a well-balanced English program providing a regular opportunity for students to practise fluent reading.

Similarly to Home Reading, books are at an easy level for each student. Reading easy texts provides students with time to practise the reading strategies that they have been learning in their classroom. A focus of Independent Reading sessions is also to build stamina to read for increasingly longer periods of time, an essential skill for developing readers.



Here are some of our Year One students reading their 'Good-Fit' books from their individual book boxes.



Mathematics

Level Spotlight: Year 1s



This week, our Level Spotlight is focusing on learning in Year 1!

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.

Year 1 learners

Like in Prep, our Year 1 teachers utilise the Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract approach to learning. Using CPA, new concepts are introduced through the use of physical objects or practical equipment. These can be physically handled, enabling children to explore different concepts in an engaging manner.

CONCRETE



Children might begin by handling real objects...



...then using physical representations of them.

PICTORIAL



Drawings act as a bridge between the concrete objects children have been using and the abstract symbols they must learn to use.



Here, our Ones are exploring place value. Using tens frame trains, they first 'fill' the train to represent a number.. Once students have had a chance to manipulate physical objects, they can utilise drawings or visual models to begin to master mathematical concepts.



HARMONY WEEK POSTER COMPETITION



Theme: Harmony – We All Have A Role To Play

Entries Close: April 12 2025

Specifications: A3 drawing, painting or mixed media work

Enter individually or as a group. The poster must be original and made this year. You need to showcase the theme

The overall winner in each of the Junior and Senior sections will receive \$250. The group winners will each receive \$150

Please read the terms and conditions carefully.

Ask your parents to enter your artwork via the link:

<https://movingforwardtogether.org.au/poster-competition/>



URL to enter: <https://movingforwardtogether.org.au/poster-competition/>

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.

As we reflect on the powerful stories of Holy Week and Easter, we deepen our understanding of Jesus' journey and sacrifice. Scan the QR code to explore these meaningful stories with your family and celebrate the hope and joy of the Easter season together.



A banner for the "READ EVERY DAY! READ MORE IN MAY!" challenge. It features the Scholastic Australia logo, a book cover for "GUESS WHAT I'M DOING TODAY?", and text: "May is the month for readers. Bring your family together and join us in the NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH Challenge." It also says: "Register between 1 March and 31 March to WIN ONE OF 50 FREE BOOK PACKS worth \$150! Take the 31-Day Challenge: REGISTER NOW".

This May, Scholastic Australia invites families to take part in the 31-Day Reading Challenge in celebration of **National Family Reading Month!**

Spend just 10 minutes a day reading together and enjoy the many benefits—enhanced literacy, creativity, and emotional well-being.

Registration is now open!

Scan the QR code below to join the challenge and make reading a daily family tradition.



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

MRS JESS SASSOS
Library Teacher



MOONLIT SANCTUARY

AUTUMN HOLIDAY CLUBS

JNR KEEPER CLUB

Ages: 7-14

9:00am-2:00pm

Registration Fee

\$104

In Keeper Club kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care. Junior Keepers help with feeding animals and animal enrichment activities. See our website for dates. Groups are small, with a maximum of 14 children.

CONSERVATION CLUB

Ages: 12-18

9:30am-3:30pm

Registration Fee

\$119

Perfect for older kids passionate about wildlife and conservation, this program includes animal encounters, enrichment activities, and environmental projects.

Thursday, 10th April

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Local School Family Pass - Autumn 2025

WHO

Local School Donation Pass (Local School Donation Pass - Primary)

WHEN

Can be used once any day from March 8, 2025 until September 7, 2025



BOOKING REFERENCE

88194763-297785124

YOUR ITEMS

Local School Family Pass - Autumn 2025

1 x Family Pass - Local School Donation

NEED HELP?

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Plan your visit at
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Charlie Silly Pants
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SESSION

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29th
March

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