



# NEWSLETTER

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**OFFICE HOURS: 8:30am - 4:00pm**

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school everyone. It has been a positive start with so much happening. It is always exciting to have the students back, catching up with friends and making new connections. A big welcome to new families joining us this year. I hope your time at St Jude's is one that is filled with positivity and warmth.

This year we have developed a whole school theme '**WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER**'. We look forward to developing our theme with staff, students and families across the year.

I would like to thank all parents for their patience and cooperation with our car park protocols. Each new year begins with many parents dropping off and picking up students not only at St Jude's but neighbouring schools as well. We understand that the roads are busy and that this can be a frustrating time. Just like you, our main aim is to get children into the school grounds safely. Please help keep everyone safe by using the correct parking spaces, drop off/pick up zones and using our crossings.

I have been asked by management at the Langwarrin Community Centre to remind and ask parents not to park in their car park unless you are using the centre. They are having constant issues with their family members not being able to park to pick up preschoolers.

## Welcome Back Picnic

Staff are excited to see as many families as possible at our welcome back picnic today (8/2) beginning at 5pm and concluding at 7pm. BYO picnic dinner, staff will be running fun games for all to enjoy.

## Opening School Liturgy

This Friday (9/2) we will be having a welcome back to school liturgy in the church beginning at 9.30am, all parents are welcome to join us. At the liturgy our Year 6 leadership team will be presented with their badges.

Beginning next Friday the 16th of February we will hold our school assemblies fortnightly in the hall. Assembly will begin at 8.45am and conclude hopefully by 9.15am. Parents are very welcome to join us. Our first assembly will be run by our Year 5/6 students.

## Changes to School Timetable

As previously communicated we have implemented a new timetable for our school day to assist in the running of our learning day. The times are below, we would encourage parents where possible to avoid picking students up during recess and lunch times for appointments as this can take time to call them in from the yard. As always please notify the office and your child's teacher if your child should need to depart early or arrive late at school. Each class has a fruit break. We ask for your assistance in providing fruit that is easily eaten, fruit or vegetables like carrot sticks, berries etc. Please do not provide items that aren't fruit/veg and those that require utensils or wrappers for fruit break time.

School times: **Morning 8.45am-10.45am**

**Recess 10.45am-11.15am**

**Middle learning block 11.15am-1.15pm**

**Eating time 1.15pm-1.25pm**

**Lunch break 1.25-2.15**

**Afternoon block 2.15pm-3.15pm**

**A reminder that the school office hours are 8.30am - 4.00pm**

## School Closure Dates

At the end of last year the following information was shared with families, I have included it again for your planning. As you may be aware there is a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) that has come into place which means that teaching staff will now be entitled to Time in lieu for out of hours events such as camps, parent teacher interviews etc.

To assist with this MACS have directed schools to have some closure days to accommodate the time in lieu. You will note that where possible our closure days are around public holidays which may assist families to make suitable arrangements. Please note that we have had to make one change as a consultant we are working with had a clash of dates. Previously it was communicated that we will have a school closure on Friday 23rd August this has been changed to Monday 9th September.

### 2024 School Closure Dates

Term	Date	Reason
Term 1	Wednesday 21st February <b>1pm Finish</b>	Parent Teacher Interviews
	Thursday 7th	Staff Conference
	Friday 8th March	
	Thursday 28th March <b>1pm Finish</b>	Last day of Term 1
Term 2	Friday 26th April (following ANZAC Day)	Time in lieu
	Friday 28th June <b>1pm Finish</b>	Last day of Term 2
Term 3	Wednesday 24th July <b>1pm Finish</b>	Parent Teacher Interviews
	<b>Monday 9th September</b>	Curriculum day
	Friday 20th September <b>1pm Finish</b>	Last day of Term 3
Term 4	Friday 1st November	Curriculum - Assessment & Reporting
	Monday 4th November	Time in lieu
	Tuesday 17th December <b>1pm Finish</b>	Last day of Term 4

## The Garden

A big thank you to all the families who so willingly watered our gardens over the school holidays. Your efforts have made a huge difference, particularly with our new garden outside the junior building. We are working at getting our kitchen garden back up and running and are looking for any parents who would be interested in helping in the garden on a Wednesday or Friday morning from 8.45am - 9.30am. If this is something that you would be interested in please email Sue Tobin.

[tobins@sjlangwarrin.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tobins@sjlangwarrin.catholic.edu.au)

## School Uniform

As we begin the new school year it is timely to remind students and parents of the uniform expectations. We are noticing quite a few children not in the correct St Jude's uniform. All items other than socks and shoes should be purchased at our uniform supplier Peninsula Uniforms & Embroidery or at our second hand uniform shop.

Late last year we communicated that we will be making changes to our uniform, rest assured this will be done over a couple of years. We will be meeting with the uniform committee in the coming weeks, thank you to parents who showed an interest in being involved. It is not too late to join this group, if you are interested please email me; [mosullivan@sjlangwarrin.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mosullivan@sjlangwarrin.catholic.edu.au)

Below is information outlining uniform requirements. The correct uniform can be seen on the following uniform shop site. Please note that plain white and green socks are to be worn, please ignore the grey socks on the website. <https://peninsulauniforms.com.au/category/st-judes-langwarrin/>

### **UNIFORM OPTIONS**

At St Jude's we seek to encourage the appropriate uniform for any activity or event, therefore all students are permitted to choose which uniform to wear depending on preference and weather conditions.

#### **SUMMER**

Grey or Green School Shorts and Short Sleeve Polo Shirt—St Jude's Logo

**or** Summer Dress

White/Green plain Socks with shorts **or** White/Green plain socks with summer dress

**Plain** black shoes (can be runners as long as plain black)

#### **WINTER**

Grey Trousers **or** Tartan Skirt or Tunic

Long Sleeve Polo Shirt—St Jude's Logo

Windcheater—St Jude's Logo

White/Green plain Socks with grey trousers **or** White/Green plain Socks or green tights with tartan skirt

**Plain** black shoes (can be runners as long as plain black)

#### **SPORT UNIFORM**

Green Track Pants

Green School Shorts (as per Peninsula Uniforms)

Long or Short Sleeve Polo Shirt—St Jude's Logo

White Socks

Runners

#### **OPTIONAL ITEMS**

Polar Fleece Vest

Fleece Lined Jacket

Art Smock

Polar Fleece Beanies

## School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council provides a forum for discussion and discernment, where the parent/guardian voice and perspective are available to inform and support the decisions made by the principal for the good of the school and where the wellbeing and outcomes for students is paramount.

The School Advisory Council members primary role is to provide support and advice on important school matters to support the principal in the context of the MACS governance arrangements. School Advisory Councils do not have a legal identity and do not become involved in the day-to-day management of the school.

The following are some ways the School Advisory Council supports the school and the principal:

- Articulating and enacting the school's vision and mission
- Promoting the school's Catholic ethos and culture
- Promoting faith formation and development
- Implementing school policies as required
- Giving advice to the principal on issues such as enrolments, school improvement plans and enrolment trends
- Engaging in discussion with the principal about the annual school budget and other financial matters
- Giving advice to the principal about the school Master Plan
- Capital resource planning and maintenance support to the principal

We are seeking a couple more parents to join our existing School Advisory Council. This group meets once each term on an evening. If this is something that interests you or you would like more information please contact me.

### Parents & Friends Group

This year we would like to create a Parents & Friends group, this group will be involved with helping staff build parent involvement including social events and helping organise fundraising events. More information will be shared in the next newsletter.

### STAFF NEWS

We have five new staff members who have joined us this year. We also welcome Christine Martin back from maternity leave and Teagan Hemingway who previously worked as a Learning Support Officer joins us this year as teacher. I know you will make them all feel very welcome.



Lilli Strauss  
3/4 S Class Teacher  
(Wed-Fri)



Liz Perri  
1/2 P Class Teacher



Shae Pearce  
1/2CP Class Teacher (Friday)



Tegan Senior  
HUB Teacher



Amelia Plese  
Learning Support Officer



Christine Martin  
3/4 HC Class Teacher (Monday)



Teagan Hemingway  
Prep H Class Teacher

Yours Sincerely

Marita O'Sullivan

Principal



# IMPORTANT DATES



Thursday 8/2	Welcome back picnic 5pm-7pm
Friday 9/2	Opening School Liturgy 9.30am
Tuesday 13/2	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 14/2	Prep Rest Day Ash Wednesday Liturgy 9am
Friday 16/2	Assembly - Year 5/6 leading
Wednesday 21/2	Prep Rest Day Parent Teacher Interviews Early pick up 1.00pm
Thursday 22/2	House Swimming Carnival Year 3-6
Thursday 29/2	Reconciliation Information Evening 6pm-7pm
Friday 1/3	Assembly - Year 3/4 leading Year 5/6 Outdoor Education group Stand Up Paddling
Wednesday 6/3	Prep Rest Day
Thursday 7/3	School Closure
Friday 8/3	School Closure
Monday 11/3	Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday 12/3	Division Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 13/3	Preps at school Naplan begins
Thursday 14/3	Sacrament of Reconciliation Year 3
Friday 15/3	Summer Lightning Premiership Year 5/6
Monday 18/3	School Photos
Thursday 28/3	Last day of Term One Holy Thursday School finishes at 1pm
Monday 15/4	Term Two begins



It's the start of a new year and it seems like so much has already happened!

Tomorrow we celebrate our start of the year liturgy in the Church at 9:30. It is a time for us to gather as a community and reflect on the wonderful people that we are and all we can achieve in the year to come. Our theme this year is *we are better together!* What a way to appreciate all the gifts that we have and celebrate the vibrant St Jude's family that we are a part of. It is also a time to think about how God and our own spirituality is lived out in the world around us.

Next week we mark the start of a new liturgical season in the Church, Lent. During this time of change we see changes in the colours around the school and the church as a sea of purple appears signifying the beginning of our journey to Easter. Over the next 40 days during Lent we are called to do three things.

Firstly, to pray. To find time to spend with God and strengthen our relationship. Then we are called to fast. To give up something, or make a change so that we can focus on Jesus' journey to Easter or helping those around us, to be the heart and hands of Jesus in our world. Lastly we are called to give. To support others with time, or through donations where possible. Such organisations like Caritas run project compassion at this time to help others around the world. You will hear about project compassion over the next

few weeks as we make donations where possible as a school community.

*Maybe you can talk with your families this week about ways you can make a difference and be better together as you journey to Easter.*

May God Bless you all over the year,

Lauren Considine



## Important dates/ reminders

### Sacrament Enrolment



If your child is receiving a sacrament this year please respond to Operoo by Friday 16th Feb

### Opening school liturgy



Tomorrow  
Friday 9:30 in the  
Church

### Ash Wednesday Liturgy



Wednesday 14th February  
9am School Hall  
All welcome

### Reconciliation Sacrament

Family Information Night  
Thursday 29th February  
Sacrament 14th March 6pm



# ST JUDES SPORTS REPORT



## RUNNING CLUB

I am excited to announce that Running Club has returned this Term. Running Club is every Wednesday morning from 8am-8:30am.

Students run/walk as many laps as possible around our Running Club track. We will keep a running tally of how many laps your child gets throughout the term. There will be a prize for students with the most laps in each year level, however the main aim is for students to get active and have fun!

## HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

Our St Jude's House Swimming Carnival is on Thursday the 22nd of February. Students in Year 3-6 can participate in one or more of the following strokes Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke or Butterfly. There is also a novelty noodle race where students can get points for their house. More information will be sent via Operoo for this exciting day!



## SUMMER LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP

Summer Lightning Premiership is a Year 5/6 District Sports event where senior students will participate in one of the following sports: Volleystars, Cricket, Basketball or Softball.

Students have begun training for the event which will be held on Friday 15th of March.





Learning at

# ST JUDE'S LANGWARRIN



## Welcome back!

Hello from the Curriculum Leaders

We would like to introduce ourselves.



**Darren Perry**  
Deputy  
Principal  
Teaching &  
Learning  
Leader



**Lauren Considine**  
Classroom  
Teacher  
Religious  
Education  
Leader



**Caroline Hume**  
Literacy  
Leader  
Enrichment  
Leader



**Braden Hammond**  
Numeracy  
Leader  
STEM  
Teacher

As curriculum leaders, we work collaboratively with teachers to design and implement learning that is relevant, challenging, and meets the needs of all students.

You will find information about learning and teaching at St Jude's here each fortnight. Keep an eye out for news from classrooms, tips and tricks for learning at home and more!

## Assessment

### Beginning of Year Assessment

Along with the classroom teachers, we have started this year formally and informally assessing students across our school. This enables us to plan learning that targets the individual needs of all our students. All students in Prep and Year One will take part in a 1:1 assessment of English and Mathematics skills with their classroom teacher. This assessment is mandated by Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools (MACS).



## Junior Home Reading Program

This week the Junior students have brought home their first take-home books for the year. It was a very exciting day for our Preps! Please take the time to read the notice that was sent home with your child on Monday. A reminder that take-home books should be easy for your child to read and provide an opportunity to practise reading strategies taught at school. Have fun reading with your child!





Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to 2024 Canteen Service.

Our Canteen Service will begin week 3 Monday the 12th February our service runs on Monday's and Friday's.

For our new families wanting to place orders please download the Flexischools app and register your child.

<https://flexischools.com.au/parents>

If you have any concerns please leave your contact details with the office and I will get in touch with you.

To our existing families please make sure before placing your order that you have updated your child's class for 2024.

Please remember to place your order by the cut off time of 9.00 am on the day of service.

Thanks,

Janet Edwards

WELCOME TO  
**Book Club**

Parents' Guide to  
**Book Club**

Want to learn more?  
Download our Parents' Guide ▶

We are unable to take payments through the office for Scholastic Book Club orders.

Please complete the order online and pay with your relevant credit card using the following link:

<https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>

Please talk to the office or Janet Edwards if you need assistance with the ordering process.