

24th July 2025

Dear Parents,

We have had a great start to the term, despite the chill of the Melbourne winter. It has been wonderful to see students settling quickly back into routines, ready to learn and connect with one another.

With the colder weather well and truly upon us, it is a timely reminder to please ensure all jumpers, jackets and other uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's full name. This helps us promptly return any misplaced items and reduces the chance of things ending up in lost property.

This term is already shaping up to be a busy one, and we are excited to begin with our Grandparents and Special Persons Day tomorrow.

The morning will commence with **Mass at 9:00am in the school hall**. Please note that we are holding Mass in the hall to accommodate the large number of attendees. As previously mentioned, we kindly ask families to carpool where possible, or walk/ride to school, weather permitting. Parking will be limited, and there will be no parking available outside the Church due to the 10:00am Parish Mass.

We will have as many chairs set up as possible, and students will sit on the floor as they do during assemblies. For space reasons, children will not be able to sit with their grandparents during the Mass.

Following Mass, students will not return to their regular classrooms but will instead join their house groups for activities. Each house group has been allocated a different building:

**House Group Allocations:**

**Howard House** – Senior Building

**Walsh House** – Junior Building

**Crowe House** – Year 3/4 Building

**McInerney House** – Specialist Building

Please let grandparents or special visitors know which house group your child is in to help with a smooth transition after Mass. Activities will run from approximately 10:00am to 10:45am, followed by morning tea in the hall. We anticipate the morning will conclude around 10:45am.

We are looking forward to welcoming so many special visitors to our school for what promises to be a joyful and memorable morning.

## NAIDOC Week

St Jude's celebrated the world's oldest living culture during NAIDOC Week with a shared story, read by the Fire Carriers, titled 'Our Dreaming'. To connect closer to nature, Year 2 classes created rock art, Year 5/6 and Prep created Bush Bracelets and Year 1 used foliage to create symbols. It was wonderful to see a deeper level of respect forming through learning about Indigenous Australians.

Here is a recount, written by Lucy N in 2CP, which outlines how the Year 2s learned about Indigenous Art.

*Today we made kindness rocks for NAIDOC week. My one had lots of Aboriginal symbols.*

*First we got a rock and a piece of paper.*

*Next we traced the rock and drew our design.*

*Then we copied the design onto our rock.*

*Finally we did some colouring.*

*I felt peaceful because it was relaxing to colour the rock.*



### Staff News:

Angela Kostopoulos has made the decision to leave St Jude's and concentrate on working at just one school as it is closer to her home, this will allow Ange more time to be with her young family and her elderly mum. Ange has done an outstanding time over the last three years with us as an exceptional Music Teacher. I know you will join me in wishing Ange all the very best with her future endeavours, she will be missed by all. Ange's last day with us will be next Wednesday 30th July. When one door closes another opens. I am pleased to announce that Sarah Phillips, an experienced teacher, will be joining us as our new Music Teacher. Sarah spent a term teaching here in 2015. Sarah will begin on Tuesday 5th August.

### Good luck, Riek and Santino

Riek and Santino are off to Queensland next week to represent Team Victoria in the Under 12 National Basketball Championships! You can cheer them on by watching the games live at [ssatv.au](http://ssatv.au).

#### Here are the fixtures:

Sunday 27th July – 11:30am: Team VIC vs South Australia

Monday 28th July – 2:30pm: Team VIC vs Western Australia

Monday 28th July – 6:00pm: Team VIC vs Queensland

Tuesday 29th July – 2:00pm: Team VIC vs New South Wales

Thursday 31st July – 1:45pm: Team VIC vs ACT

Finals: Thursday 31st July at 7:30pm & Friday 1st August at 12:15pm

There are three games during school time — classes are encouraged to watch and support Riek and Santino when possible!



### Cookie Dough Fundraiser

A big thank you for all the support with the fundraiser.

Our cookie dough fundraiser wraps up on Friday, 1st August. Please place your orders at [cookiedough.com.au](http://cookiedough.com.au). All proceeds made through this fundraiser will go directly towards supporting Riek and Santino's participation in this exciting opportunity!

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marita O'Sullivan'.

Marita O'Sullivan

### Term 3 Important Dates

Date	Reason
25th July	Fri Grandparents Day - 9.30am Mass Feast of St Joachim & St Anne
31st July	Eucharist Parent Information 6.30pm - 7.30pm
1st August	100 Days of Prep - Assembly (Prep) 8.45am
8th August	Year 3/4 Eucharist Reflection Day Whole School Mass 9.30am - Feast of Mary MacKillop
10 August	Sunday - Sacrament of Eucharist 11.30am
15th August	House Athletics
18th - 20th August	Wed Year 3/4 Camp
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	Wednesday 30th July	Parent Teacher Interviews School finishes at 1pm
	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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## **HOW TO HELP OUR CHILDREN STAY SAFE ONLINE**

An Educational Workshop and Discussion

[www.ctrlshft.global](http://www.ctrlshft.global)

**Thursday 7 August 2025**

**7:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**Online via Teams**

Join Ctrl+Shft for an informative and empowering online workshop designed specifically for parents and carers.

This engaging and practical session will explore the challenges young people face online and offer clear strategies to help you support your child's digital wellbeing. Topics include managing group chats, protecting personal data, respectful online behaviour, and navigating misinformation, scams, and gaming.

### **Event Details:**

This is an online-only presentation.

Age Requirement: 18+ (for parents and carers only)

**[Click here to register](#)**

Zoom details will be sent to registered attendees.





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**LANGWARRIN AUSKICK CENTRE**

**Monday: 11<sup>th</sup> August - 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**4:00pm - 5:00pm**

**Lloyd Park Reserve**

