



NEWSLETTER

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

Upcoming Dates

1/12	2024 Prep Orientation last session
Thursday 7/12	Christmas Concert & Picnic - Picnic begins at 5.30pm
Tuesday 12/12	Whole School Transition Afternoon (2024 Classes)
Thursday 14/12	Year 6 Dinner & Graduation. Dinner for Students & Staff 5pm, Graduation 7pm
Friday 15/12	Final Day for all students Graduation & End of Year Mass at 9.30am
Tuesday 19/12	Final Day for staff
Tuesday 30/1/2024	Students Return for 2024

Dear Parents,

Next Thursday evening we celebrate Christmas with our concert 'Tracking Santa' beginning with a picnic on the oval starting at 5.30pm. The Langwarrin Mens Shed will be in attendance selling BBQ sausages in bread, they will also have some soft drink cans available for sale. This year they will have eftpos facilities. We will also have Mel with her coffee van. Families are encouraged to come and enjoy this school community event. The concert will begin at 6.30pm and will be finished at approximately 7.30pm.

On Tuesday 12/12 we will hold our whole school orientation afternoon. This is where all students will move up to their 2024 class for the afternoon. The orientation afternoon is an opportunity for all children to learn who their new teacher is as well as meet their classmates. In my experience this is a positive session and will be even more positive if parents can reinforce the excitement of school in 2024. I can assure you that many hours have been put in by staff organising class lists, we appreciate your understanding that there are many things that need to be considered when organising classes.

Staff News

This year we will be farewelling four of our amazing staff members as each of them embark on new adventures.

Steve Robinson who has been at St Judes for the past five and a half years has accepted a teaching position at St Mary's in Hastings. In Steve's time with us he has been a much loved Year 5/6 and Year 1/2 teacher he will be dearly missed.

We also wish Bridget Ardley all the best at her new school, Our Lady of Lourdes Prahran, which is where Bridget is planning to move to in the near future. Bridget began with us in 2021 as a graduate teacher and will be missed by all.

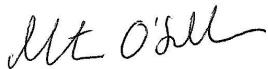
Kiana Wickham is also leaving us at the end of the year to teach in the UK next year. This has been a dream of Kiana's and there will be lots of opportunities to travel throughout Europe during her time overseas. I am sure Kiana has appreciated her time at St Jude's as this is where her teaching career began.

Annabelle Hames will also be leaving us at the end of the year as she embarks on travel in 2024. Annabelle will spend the first half of next year doing Casual Relief Teaching. I am very happy to say that we will call on her as much as she is available so it is not goodbye just yet.

I would like to thank Steve, Bridget, Kiana and Annabelle for all that they have contributed to St Jude's during their time with us. Each of them have had a positive impact on many students. I know you will join me in wishing them all the very best as they embark on their next adventures.

As per previous years staffing arrangements will be announced on the afternoon of our transition day on the 12th of December. I can confirm that our class structures will be the same as this year. Prep x 2, 1/2 x 4, 3/4 x 4 & 5/6 x 3.

Yours Sincerely,



Marita O'Sullivan
Principal



ST JUDE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRESENTS

TRACKING SANTA

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

FEATURING SENIOR STUDENTS AS THE
MAIN CAST
AND ALL CLASSES SINGING
CHRISTMAS SONGS!

THURSDAY 7TH
DECEMBER AT 5:30PM

BRING YOUR OWN FOOD
AND PICNIC RUG.
THE LANGWARRIN MENS SHED WILL
ALSO BE SELLING SAUSAGES IN BREAD.

SEE YOU THERE!



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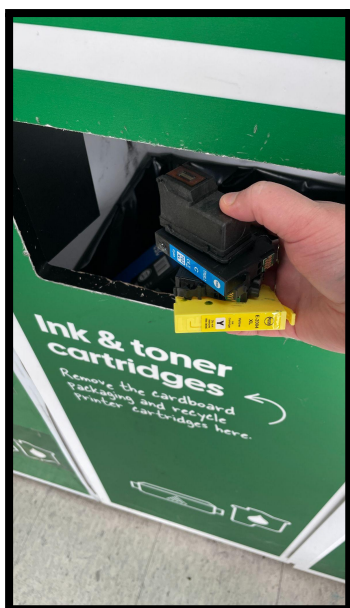
It's a busy world in the Sustainability Life of our school.

Over the last few weeks Miss Considine has worked hard looking at the ways we sustainably use water at St Judes to resubmit a module through Sustainability Victoria's Resource Smart to ensure we remain a 5 star sustainable school. It is something that we pride ourselves in, knowing that everyone at St Jude's are environmental leaders for the future.

In the garden, our ELF's have worked hard to clear the weeds and transplant some of our succulent plants and care for our Term 4 crops of lettuce, tomatoes and beans. Unfortunately due to the unpredictable weather we have been having, the zucchinis and carrots didn't make it, but we tried!

The ELF's have also been learning all about the importance of composting through some small videos from Gardening Australia before we start our weekly garden work. It's been great to watch the students take what we are learning and apply it to our own garden!

Lastly, thank you so much for all our donations for Recycling week. Miss Considine took them all to Officeworks and ensured that they would be recycled correctly instead of going to landfill. Sometimes our small actions are what can make a big difference. Thank you for your ongoing support.



[St Jude's Sustainability Ceres Hub Link](#)



Entering the Church over the weekend, you will notice the transformation straight away. Gone is the green, replaced with a sea of purple. A very clear statement for each of us that something has changed, and so will we. Advent is upon us, Christmas is coming, and like many of you I am also not ready! At school, students are told that the colour purple represents a time of 'waiting' in the church, during the Seasons of Lent and Advent. It can also be seen as a colour of change, often linked to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

With this wake up call, I guess my current question is, while we know the real reason for Christmas, how often do we live the real meaning? For all of us, on many levels, Christmas is about family and friends coming together, sharing a meal made with love, catching up on what's been happening and handing out gifts that have been purchased with care and thought. This special day takes time and takes thought. You can't turn up to Christmas lunch without prior preparation. The same goes for Jesus! You can't just arrive at Christmas lunch without reconnecting, or recentering on what Christmas is about.

That's what Advent is all about! Advent is God's gift to us. A time to step away from all of the end of the year commitments and focus on the four themes of our Advent season, Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. During this season, we can feel called to spend time in reflection and I can't help but realise that the little people in our lives reveal life and breathe the Advent spirit so authentically- without even knowing it. We can learn so much from them, if we take time to watch and listen.

- They are full of *Hope*, that all will be fine on Christmas day, no matter what might be going on in their lives.
- They are full of *Peace*, because they are oblivious to the mad rush that adults place on themselves to make sure everything for Christmas is perfect.
- They are full of *Joy*, with every Christmas light, movie and song that they hear.
- They are full of *Love* knowing that they will spend Christmas with their families and special people.

Through our witness of our children, we can be reminded of the pure innocence and joy we are called to receive every year as we all journey to Christ this Christmas. May we all remember to set aside some time with Jesus this Advent. And in this time of waiting, maybe we need to ask ourselves, what am I *truly* waiting for this Christmas?



On Wednesday, the I Sea I Care ambassadors (Grace, Hadley, Sienna and Breckyn) Went to Jacks Beach for their last excursion, where they did lots of fun activities about plants, indigenous culture and much more.

For the first activity, the ambassadors met up with some park rangers and learnt about both native and invasive plants and animals. After that they went on a walk and learnt about more plants and animals, they even got to try some plants we can eat.


For the second activity they then went on a walk down the path to meet an Indigenous woman named Skyler. She taught them how to use some of the traditional weapons that Indigenous people use when hunting for food. After that Skyler taught them how to light a fire using just a piece of wood and a stick.

They almost lit a fire the way the Indigenous do-it was very hard. The last part of the session was learning how to throw spears.

After that they walked all the way back to the main area to have sausages and donuts for lunch. They ended their I Sea I Care excursion with one last speech. It's been an amazing experience all year learning so many new things about how to care for our local environment. Thank you to Miss Considine who helped us along the way.

Written by Grace, Hadley, Sienna and Breckyn

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Community
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Carols
FARM

Presented by:
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www.lpac.org.au

Sunday 17th December

6.45pm for 7:00pm-8pm Gates open at 5:30pm



Enter via: Cranhaven Rd, Langwarrin - Melway ref: 103F6

Entry: *by donation*

*All proceeds support local care for disadvantaged
members of our community*

PLEASE DO
Take your rubbish home with you

PLEASE NO
candles, smoking, alcohol or pets

BYO: picnic, chairs, rugs

Coffee available to purchase

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we are gathering, the Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation, and the generosity of Cruden Farm and staff for the use of this beautiful setting.

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