



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

This week we had Kylie Graham, an experienced school reviewer, conduct a comprehensive review of our school over the last two weeks. The review encompassed two key components:

This thorough assessment encompassed two key components: the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) standards and a firsthand observation of how our school is operating on a day-to-day basis. Ms. Graham's expertise and keen eye for educational excellence have provided us with valuable insights that will help us enhance the overall learning experience for your children. Kylie spent time meeting representatives from all stakeholders of St Jude's, including our School Advisory Council, a parent group, students across the school and all staff. Thank you for your continued support in making our school a thriving and enriching environment for all. We eagerly await the official feedback and recommendations, and we are committed to using this information to continually improve and provide the best possible education for our students. The recommendations will guide our strategic plan over the next four years.

Uniform

Last year we conducted a survey around our school uniform with input from Parents, Students & Staff. It was clear that there was a feeling from all stakeholders that changes were required in materials, colours and consistency. Below are some numbers and comments from the 2022 survey.

Survey Numbers - (143 families responded)

80% would like to see a design change

64% would like to see a change to materials

65% would like to see a change in colours

80% would like to see black runners as a shoe option (this has already been implemented)

IMPORTANT DATES

Canteen
Open each
Monday &
Friday

Uniform Shop
Monday
2.30pm
School Hall
Foyer

Secondhand
Uniform Shop
Contact
Office

Nude Food
Every day

St Jude's
Sustainability
Ceres Hub
Link

Parent Comments	Student Comments
<p>The mix of different greens and brands lowers the overall look of everyone as a team.</p> <p>I believe we should have a standard issued unisex pants and shorts with a logo on them.</p> <p>Very bland & very dated.</p> <p>Jumpers not very warm</p> <p>Polo shirt is a good design just fades easily due to the material</p> <p>I like that it is a little different to the others in Langwarrin</p> <p>Like that there are unisex options</p> <p>My child says it's cold in winter, investigate different warmer materials (eg softshell, fleecy style top)</p> <p>The gold fades and seems to change</p> <p>Green and gold is a bit old.</p>	<p>I like the green shorts and shirts</p> <p>I like that you can wear shorts with sport uniform.</p> <p>The winter uniform-It's not warm enough if you can make it warmer please.</p> <p>I don't like the type of jumper</p> <p>There seems to be different greens.</p> <p>Some of the material is uncomfortable.</p> <p>A warmer winter uniform.</p> <p>I like that boys and girls can wear the same if they want to</p>

Along with our School Advisory Committee made up of parents and a uniform subcommittee we will begin to look at some options over the course of 2024 that parents will have further input into, with a view to any changes being available for the 2025 school year. We are conscious of cost, accessibility and consultation in this process. Any changes would happen over a long transition period (2-3 years) so that this is achievable for all in our community. If you would like to be part of the subcommittee please let me know via email. We are looking at having a couple of representatives from Junior, Middle and Senior parents.

Parking

We have had residents from units across the road from the school 17-19 Warrandyte Road complain that some parents are parking in their car spots. We understand that parking is difficult, however in fairness to our neighbours please avoid parking in residents car spaces.

Reporting Absences

We are now mandated to call families if an absence has not been reported. If your child/children is going to be absent please call the school number and select the absentee line when prompted. If you are taking holidays during the term please contact the office with dates.

Upcoming Dates

24/11 & 1/12	2024 Prep Orientation
Thursday 7/12	Christmas Concert - Time TBC
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
Tuesday 19/12	Final Day for staff

Yours Sincerely

Marita O'Sullivan



Principal



Next weekend's Gospel is the last weekend of ordinary time in the Church. We understand that the season of Advent is upon us. With this in mind I think it is fitting that the Gospel reading is yet another Parable all about talents. Jesus describes in this parable that people are all given different amounts of talents from God. Some big, some small but all to be used for the Kingdom of God.

It got me thinking about what my talents might be and how they are used. If you have got to know me this year I hope I have portrayed the idea to you all that I see myself as a jack of all trades and definitely a master of none. I have always thought I don't really have one niche, but rather love to try all things to see what I like. Over the last few years I have come to think that maybe my main talent is helping others. I think I deeply care about those around me and try hard to brighten their day. It is a gift I am forever grateful for and thank God for all the time.

I wonder what your talents are? What do we see the most in our families, friends, children and in what way has God helped shape them to be uniquely special? Maybe this week you can acknowledge and nurture the talents of those around you. As we near the beginning of our journey to Christmas I wonder how these talents can bring the spirit of Christmas alive in our community.

God Bless,
Lauren

National Recycling week

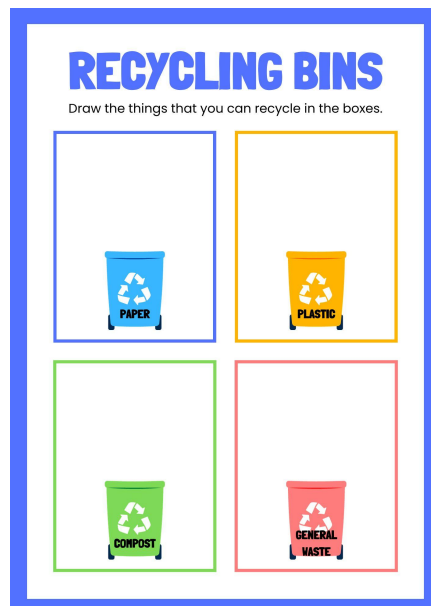
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National Recycling Week is held every year during the second week of November as an education and behaviour change campaign. Every year since 1996 Planet Ark aim to use this week to increase people's awareness of the environmental benefits of recycling programs. National Recycling Week provides us all with an opportunity to move towards avoiding waste through building on our daily habits to avoid, reduce, reuse and recycle at home, at work, and in the community.

This year at school we have asked classes to have a focus on Recycling and reteach what students already know about the 4 bin system at our school. Did you know that we separate waste in every area of our school into 4 categories, general waste, recycling, paper and compost. Moreover all paper is collected, boxed and sent to a paper recycling place in Dandenong. The money raised from this action is donated to St Vincent De Paul and used to help those in need.

This year at school we have also encouraged students to bring in old textas, pens, batteries and ink cartridges that can be taken to officeworks to be recycled properly instead of ending up in landfill. Thank you for your support with this.



Recycling WEEK

To celebrate recycling Week our ELF students have organised a Recycling collection point at school!
Over the Melbourne Cup Long Weekend please look at home and donate to the school office area for collection.

NOV 8-10TH

- Wednesday**
Batteries
Please check for any old batteries at home that can't be recharged.
- Thursday**
Textas Pencils
Any old or unwanted textas and pencils can also be donated.
- Friday**
Ink Cartridges
Any old Ink Cartridges at home that you haven't thrown away.

FREE EVENT

Let's Reduce, Reuse and Recycle together
Any Questions Please Contact Miss Considine



Learning at

ST JUDE'S LANGWARRIN



English



Year Level Spotlight: Year 5/6

Our Year 5/6 students have been writing narratives. These writing pieces are stories that include a problem that needs to be resolved by the main character.

Our author this week is **Jack** who has written a narrative titled -

Jack and the Lack of iPhone Storage

To read Jack's fantastic story, scan the QR code below.



Mathematics

Year Level Spotlight: Year 1/2

The students in 1/2 are currently learning about Fractions. They are learning that fractions aren't as scary as they might think; they are just **parts of a whole**.

Mr Hammond visited the students in 1/2W this week. They created flags that demonstrated equal halves. Some students even decided to challenge themselves and try quarters or eighths!



Ask your 1/2 child what they know about Fractions. They might blow your socks off!

Library Audit - Book Returns



This term we will be doing a stocktake of all of the books in the Library before we pack up and move to another building. Please return to school any books that your child has borrowed by 1st December. With thanks! Mrs Sasso





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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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Community CRUDEN

Carols FARM

Presented by:
Langwarrin-Pearcedale Anglican Church
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.