



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



NEWSLETTER

1st May 2025

Dear Parents/carers,

I am excited to share some great news with you. Father Martin Ajiboye has officially been appointed as our Parish Priest, previously he was the parish administrator. You are all invited to celebrate Father at a Mass on Sunday 18th May at 10am. Following Mass there will be refreshments in the hall. I know it would mean so much to Father to have as many school families there as possible.



Cyber Safety Parent Information Session

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended last night's *Inform and Empower* Cyber Safety Parent Information Session. Your presence and engagement reflect our shared commitment to supporting children in developing safe and healthy digital habits. The session offered valuable insights into how families can guide children in navigating the online world with confidence and care. A recap is shared below;

Recap...

- ☒ Build your own healthy habits
- ☒ Start conversations
- ☒ Set up parental controls
- ☒ Ensure device use is supervised
- ☒ Create and stick up plan
- ☒ Connect with support

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OFFICE HOURS: 8.30am – 4.00pm

Raising Kids in a Digital World - Parent Resource is available through this link. The presentation which was shared last night is available for the next 30 days.

www.informandempower.com.au/schools-webinars/st-judes

A big thank you to Milan Greco, our Student Wellbeing Leader for organising this session. Thank you again for partnering with us to support the wellbeing of our children in the digital age.

Mother's & Special Person Breakfast & Mass

We look forward to celebrating mothers and mother figures next Friday 9th May. If you are yet to RSVP please do so to ensure that we have correct numbers for catering. Thank you to parents who have already so generously donated goods for our raffle, we are still taking donations. Further into the newsletter there is more information about breakfast and the Mass.

Uniform Guidelines

I would like to take this opportunity to remind families of our school uniform guidelines and thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring our students wear their uniforms with pride. A reminder that the old uniform still may be worn, the only change is navy blue socks are to be worn with the academic uniform.

I am pleased to share that the long sleeve polo shirts and long pants for girls will be made available as part of our uniform options. We are currently working to ensure the uniform website reflects these updates so families can order these clothing articles.

All new uniform articles have our school logo on them. Please do not buy items from shops other than the uniform shop.

Please refer below for some points that clarify a few questions that I have recently been asked.

Tunic	May be worn with navy blue tights or navy blue socks
Summer Dress	To be worn with navy blue socks only - tights are not permitted
Academic Shorts/Skorts	To be worn with navy blue socks - not tights
Polo Shirts	Short sleeve and long sleeve options available
Pants for Girls	Long navy pants will be available soon
Sports Uniform	Should only be worn on allocated sports days, white socks to be worn.

Please note: **Navy blue tights are to be worn only with the tunic.** They are not to be worn with shorts, skorts, or the summer dress.

Thank you for helping us maintain a consistent and respectful approach to school uniform standards.

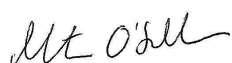
St Jude's Uniform	
ACADEMIC/EVERYDAY UNIFORM OPTIONS Polo Shirt, short sleeve - with logo Polo Shirt, long sleeve - with logo Navy shorts - with logo Skort - with logo Navy long pants (boys) - with logo Navy long pants (girls) - with logo, School dress and tunic (remain the same as our current uniform) 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

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](#)

Yours Sincerely,



Marita O'Sullivan

2025 School Closure Dates including Public Holidays during School Terms

Term	Date	Reason
Term 2	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



It's been a big week in the life of the Church and our school. While we initially knew we were coming back to celebrate the new found hope in the Resurrected Jesus, this week also brought many unexpected emotions with the passing of the Pope.

This Easter, Pope Francis reminds us that *hope is alive!* Just like Jesus rose again and brought light after darkness, we can find hope even when things are difficult. Pope Francis says, "*Christ is our hope and he is alive!*" He wants us to remember that no matter what we face, God's love is stronger.



The next day the world was shocked to hear of Pope Francis' passing. From widespread media and personal encounters it seems to me that people are truly mourning the loss of our blessed father. Whether you are religious or not, people seemed to be able to connect to Pope Francis as a role model figure. So who was he?

Pope Francis, born Jorge Bergoglio in Argentina, has lived a life full of kindness, service, and hope.

As a young man, he was very sick and almost died — but he recovered and decided to give his life to God, helping others. When he became Pope in 2013, he chose the name "Francis" to remind everyone to care for the poor, the earth, and each other. He teaches that even when life is hard, we should never lose hope — just like at Easter, when Jesus rose again and brought joy to the world.

To kick off this term's continued celebration of our *Year of Hope* at school, we created Stations of the Light in classes to show how Jesus' promise of the resurrection, and the true hope of Easter was fulfilled. It was wonderful to see classes and families walking through this space learning about, praying and reflecting upon the Hope that comes with the Resurrected Christ.



*Sacrament of
Confirmation*

INFORMATION NIGHT
MAY 22ND 6:30 IN THE HALL

REFLECTION DAY
JUNE 2ND ALL DAY AT SCHOOL FOR
YEAR 6'S LED BY GB TEAM!

SACRAMENT
JUNE 5TH 5:00PM IN THE CHURCH
ALL INVITED



Mother's Day

BREAKFAST, RAFFLE AND MASS

As you are aware, we will be hosting our Mother's Day/Special Persons Breakfast next Friday the 9th of May in the Gym, from 7am.

This year we will be providing a grazing board breakfast for families.

Our grazing board breakfast includes:

Muesli, yoghurt, fruit, pastries, juice, tea and coffee.

At the end of our celebration, we will be drawing our Mother's Day Raffle to help cover the costs of our breakfast.

The Year 1's and Year 2's will be hosting a Mother's Day/Special Persons Day Mass at 9:30am in the Church.





ELF NEWS

Term 1

In Term 1 Sally, Tanner, Nash, Robbie, Hudson, Sophie, Harrison W, Scarlett, Kylan, Veronika, Sebastian and Anabella were our designated ELFS. Every Wednesday afternoon they helped in the garden with composting, weeding, planting and designing. These children were always keen to do their best and help when needed. It was wonderful having their support and I can't thank them enough for their time and dedication to keeping our garden going.

Term 2

Taylan, Emilia, Millie N, Maddox, Pilot, Charlie B, Madden, Olivia L, Bradley, Zayde, Ruby G and Lexi are our new ELFS. They are helping to maintain our garden beds, Look after the water taps by checking the buckets and emptying them, composting and emptying and washing the class compost bins.

Garden Helpers!

We have the amazing Jan (grandmother to Lewis and Lyla) who helps in the garden every week and helps with planting, weeding and ideas to keep the garden flourishing. Carmen (mother of Evelyn and Alannah), helps some Friday afternoons. Rosemary (grandmother to Emily and Isabelle) who helps weed on a wednesday when she can.

More Helpers are very welcome on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Please contact me if you would like to help, you would always be very welcome, but please make sure you have a Working with Children Check.

Look forward to more ELF news in the coming weeks

Sue Tobin

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Learning at

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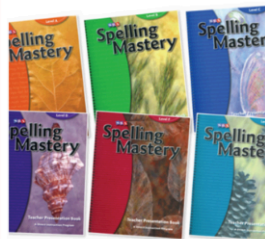


Braden Hammond - STEM teacher,
Mathematics & Enrichment Leader



Caroline Hume
English & Enrichment Leader

English Learning in the Middle & Senior Schools

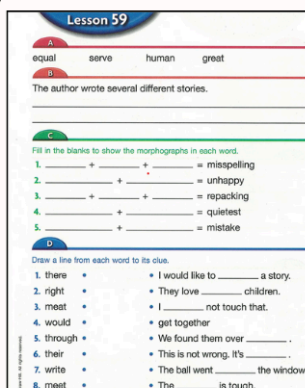


Spelling Mastery Program

There was so much excitement in the Middle and Senior Schools this week as our students started using their **Spelling Mastery** workbooks.

Following our successful implementation of the **Little Learners Love Literacy** phonics program in the Junior School, we are implementing a structured spelling program, **Spelling Mastery**, in Years 3-6. **Spelling Mastery** is a researched based spelling program that develops students' understanding of the rules and patterns of spelling, as well as memorising irregular words.

At St Jude's, students in Years 3-6 have been grouped within their year level according to their learning needs in spelling. This may mean that students move to a different classroom for their spelling lessons. Students will have 4 spelling lessons each week, with each lesson providing opportunities for new learning as well as revision and practise of previously learnt skills.



We look forward to seeing our St Jude's students further grow in their Literacy skills!

Mathematics Games to play at home



Mathematics has the unique advantage of integrating seamlessly into games, often allowing students to practise important skills and master concepts without even realising it, all while having fun!

So, unleash your inner competitive side and enjoy some games at home with your child. Find out how to play by following the links:



youtu.be/qyL7Su-HS8I



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Apps and Online Games

Here is a collection of apps and online games that can support Maths learning. Most also work for Android devices. Have fun!

iPad Apps

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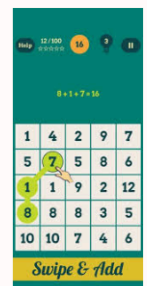
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Brain Games Words & Numbers



Smart Matches



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.

This month, we're excited to celebrate National Family Reading Month! Reading together as a family is not only fun, but it also brings countless benefits—strengthening bonds and fostering a love of stories.

Scan the QR code to sign up for the Scholastic National Family Reading Month Challenge and enjoy a special read-along with Mrs. Sassos and her children.



Explore Our New Library Resource Page!

Looking for easy access to everything our library has to offer? Visit our brand-new Library Resource Page! Stay up to date with the latest library news, book recommendations, and featured titles. Simply scan the QR code to get started!

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



MRS JESS SASSOS

Library Teacher





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.



ST JUDES SPORTS REPORT



SSV REGIONAL SWIMMING

I would like to congratulate Joel Walker on his amazing achievement in Swimming this year. Joel participated in the SSV Regional Swimming event at the end of last term. He finished 6th in the Boys 9/10 Freestyle event with a time of 37.62 seconds. We are so proud of Joel's efforts and look forward to continue to support Joel in his swimming journey!



SSV STATE BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Riek and Santino Muot participated in SSV Basketball trials over the last month. The first trials were the Regional Trials, in which both were selected in the top 15 out of over 100 participants. They then participated in the Conference trials earlier this week and were selected in the top 7 finalists. They have now progressed to the SSV Team VIC Basketball Trials on the 15th and 16th of May! Well done boys!!

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

We are very excited for our whole school House Cross Country tomorrow! The main aim of the event is for students to try their best. Whether it's running, jogging, or walking, the focus is on each student's personal improvement and giving their best efforts. A detailed timetable of the day has been sent via Operoo.

Howard (Blue House) have won the Cross Country event for the past four years and I know are very eager to make it five years in a row!





OPEN DAY—

Wonnai Preschool

WONNAI PRESCHOOL HAS BEEN A PILLAR OF THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1978, CREATING DEEP ROOTS WITH LOCAL FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS.

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Saturday 29th March
10am-12pm

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