St Jude's
Catholic Parish Primary School Langwarrin
Mercy Peace Love

NEWSLETTER

11th May 2023

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Last Day Term 2 22nd June

Canteen Open each Monday & Friday

Running Club returns Wednesday 8am

Uniform Shop Monday 2.30pm School Hall Foyer

Secondhand Uniform Shop Contact Office

Nude Food Every day

St Jude's Sustainability Ceres Hub Link

Dear Parents/Carers,
It is hard to believe that we are already in week three of the term. We have certainly hit the ground running. I would like to thank the Year 5/6 students and the amazing staff who attended the Sovereign Hill camp at the end of last term. The students did a wonderful job stepping back in time and becoming part of the living museum.

Staff News
At the beginning of the term we welcomed Ainslee Driscoll to our staff. Ainslee has taken on a new role as our school nurse. Ainslee is an experienced nurse who worked previously at the Monash Children's Hospital. Ainslee is getting to know as many people as possible, if you see her around the school please say hello. Ainslee works Tuesday - Friday 8.45am - 2.45pm.

End of Term Date
This term will end on Thursday 22nd June at 1.00pm. The staff will be at school on Friday 23rd June working on learning initiatives.

Cross Country
Our cross country was a raging success, even the weather was kind to us. A big thanks to Milan Greco for his organisation of such a wonderful event. The students did a fantastic job competing remembering Milan's two golden rules; try your best and have fun. It was wonderful to have so many parents cheering on the students.

Mothers Day Breakfast
Tomorrow we will celebrate mums and special people at our Mothers Day Breakfast. Thank you for sending through your RSVP via the form that was sent out on Operoo. Breakfast will be served between 7.00am and 8.30am. Weather depending games will be available after you have eaten your egg and bacon roll and had a cuppa. We will continue our celebration with a Paraliturgy in the hall at 9.00am run by the Prep classes, all parents are very welcome to join us. Parents who need to eat and run rest assured that your child/children will be supervised here at school.

2024 Prep Enrolments
A reminder that the 2024 Prep enrolments are now open. Over the past two years we have had a waiting list for our Prep intake. If you are requiring a place for your child next year please contact the office ASAP as places are filling up. If you know anyone who is considering St Jude's please encourage them to contact the office.

Building Update
The junior building is coming along beautifully. Each site meeting that I attend I am blown away by the progress. At this stage the building will be handed over to us early to mid Term 3. If you have been to school you may have noticed that the Community Cafe has been demolished. This has opened up the yard and has allowed space for further ground development. The Gaga pit was to be constructed over the holidays however due to the demolition of the cafe it has been postponed.

School Drop Off and Pick Up
I would like to thank parents who have made arrangements to ensure that they are not dropping their child/children off prior to 8.30am. We have noticed a decrease in the number of children here early, a reminder that before school care is available at the Community Centre. The same stands for students who are picking their child/children up late. We understand that at times parents will be held up, if this

is a continual pattern children will need to attend after school care or other arrangements will need to be made. Most afternoons the leadership team are involved in meetings straight after school, it is not the office staff's job to supervise children each afternoon. We appreciate your understanding and support in ensuring that our school operates smoothly and safely.

Smart Watches

We are finding that more and more students are wearing smart watches to school. If the watch is able to be turned to home mode please ensure that it is on this function. If the smart watch does not have the home mode it is under no circumstances to be used as a means of communication from parent to child or child to parent. During school hours, if you need to communicate to your child please do so by calling the office. We have had instances where students are calling or texting parents through their watch. This is a distraction. Smart watches can be handed into the office at the beginning of the day where they will be secured, this is the protocol with mobile phones as well. I thank you for your support in this matter.

Walking the Camino

I am thrilled to share with you that I will be embarking on a journey to walk the final part of the Camino de Santiago, from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela in the last two weeks of Term 3 with a group of other school principals. This pilgrimage is a centuries-old tradition that has attracted countless pilgrims from all over the world. I am excited to take on this challenge, and I believe it will be an excellent opportunity for personal growth and reflection.

The Camino de Santiago is a network of pilgrim routes that culminate at the Santiago de Compostela Cathedral in Galicia, Spain. The final stage, which I will be walking, is approximately 115 kilometres. During this time, I will be experiencing the beautiful countryside, meeting new people, and learning more about the history and culture of the region.

I am currently in training and will invite interested students to walk with me at lunchtime a couple of days a week. I look forward to sharing my experience with you all when I return, and I hope that my journey inspires our students to take on challenges and pursue their dreams. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,
Marita O'Sullivan

SPORT AT ST JUDE'S - TERM 2

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

What an exciting day we had last Friday at our House Cross Country event! I am so proud of all the students who tried their absolute best and demonstrated great sportsmanship. All participants from Prep to Year 6 should be extremely proud of themselves!

Well done to Howard (Blue House) for winning their third straight Cross Country! Please see the next page for the results of each individual event (top 5 placings) and the total points for each house.

I look forward to our next whole school event which is our House Athletics Day. This will be held on Friday the 18th of August at Ballam Park. More information on the day will be announced early next term.

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY & RUNNING CLUB

-National Walk Safely to School Day: Next Friday the 19th of May is National Walk Safely to School Day. This is a day that encourages school children, parents and carers to walk safely and regularly to school. Our walk will begin outside Beretta's Langwarrin at 8:10am. All students will receive a piece of fruit when they arrive at school. More information on this day will be sent via Operoo.

Running Club:

Due to the Mothers Day Breakfast this week, and National Walk Safely to School next week,
Running club will resume on Friday the 26th of May.

2023 ST JUDE'S HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Seniors

	11 Year old Girls	11 Year old Boys	12/13 Year old Boys	12/13 Year old Girls
1st	Hadley Prib	Asher Guce	Xavier Nelson	India Joksimovic
2nd	Asha Murphy	Andre Woods	Jai Mcfarland	Molly Duff
3rd	Zara Krunes	Lincoln Woods	Connor Macaw	Aaliyah Martorella
4th	Alannah Armstrong	Tommy Smyth	Isaac Price	Grace Duff
5th	Willow Hutchings	Chayse McCarthy	Nate Oliver	Evageline Manoj

Middles

	9/10 Year old Girls	9/10 Year old Boys
1st	Gypsy Joksimovic	Beau Oxley
2nd	Ella Guce	Rick Muot
3rd	Alex Lesko	Santino Muot
4th	Isabelle Price	Gilbert Hutchings
5th	Chloe Wilkinson	Anthony Rizzo

Juniors

	Prep Girls	Prep Boys	Year 1 Girls	Year 1 Boys	Year 2 Girls	Year 2 Boys
1st	Myla Hibell	Chevy Woods	Emma O'Donell	Harry Grose	Eva Nardella-Marcom	Harrison Whitaker
2nd	Olivia Cataldo	Harvey Cormick	Leah Bolding	Alby Ramsay	Hailey Leszko	Hudson Sulcs
3rd	Sabrina Matthews	Mason Powell	Emilia Cataldo	Logan Thomas	Milla House	Harvey Murphy
4th	Leila Marston	Zion Muller	Molly Cameron	Madden Powell	Lola Pavouris	Mason Pearce
5th	Emma Leszko	Max Harkness	Poppy Jackson	Will Marks	Skyanne Finn	Lachlan Olver

House Results

	House	Points
1st	**Howard (Blue)**	**190**
2nd	**Walsh (Yellow)**	**170**
3rd	**Crowe (Red)**	**143**
4th	**McInerney (Green)**	**110**

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

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 **8 September 2023.**

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

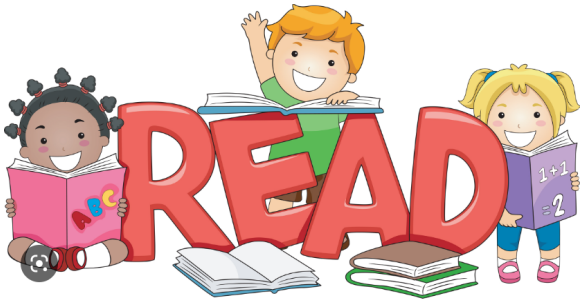
To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and to register your child for the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit:

https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge

If you would like any assistance with the registration, please email Caroline Hume (Literacy and Enrichment Leader) at St Jude's - chume@sjlangwarrin.catholic.edu.au.

TAKE YOUR CHILD ON A JOURNEY WHERE THEY CAN DISCOVER

FASCINATING PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS IN EVERY STORY.



Learning at

ST JUDE'S LANGWARRIN

Maths Games to make it fun!

I get it, as a young boy I was a student that found Maths a daily struggle. I never quite understood the concepts underneath the numbers on my page. It wasn't until I began my studies at university that a spark was ignited. Mathematics teaching and learning must be about **seeing**, **feeling**, **talking** and **manipulating** the numbers on the page.

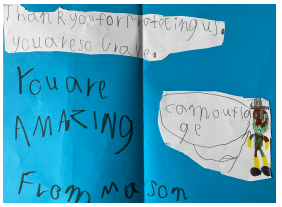
A sure fire way to get kids excited about seeing, feeling, talking and manipulating numbers is through Maths Games.
Click the link below to learn how to play one of our favourite maths games; Four in a Row!
Thanks to Nate, Milla, Hugo and George for your help in creating this video!

Learning about ANZAC DAY in Year 1/2

At the start of Term Two, the students in the 1/2 classes explored a significant part of Australia's history, ANZAC Day. After reading the picture storybook, 'Anzac Ted', the students engaged in a writing task to create letters to send to the soldiers who are currently deployed. Writing these letters provided a meaningful way for students to express their gratitude and support for those who serve our country. These letters will be sent to the soldiers.

When students have a meaningful purpose for writing, they are more likely to engage in the writing process and produce higher quality work. A sense of purpose can also help students develop a deeper understanding of the topic they are writing about and feel more invested in their learning.

Caroline Hume
Literacy & Enrichment Leader



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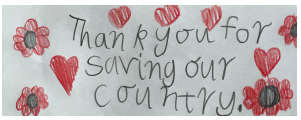
Braden Hammond
Numeracy Leader & STEM Teacher

Mason and Amelia (1/2K)



Harrison and Olivia (1/2H)

In May, the Church has a strong focus on Mary as we celebrate her feast day of the Annunciation. In the secularised world, May is also the month that we also celebrate Mother's day with our beautiful families. This weekend, we take the time to say thank you to our Mums, for all they do, for all they are and for all they give to ensure we can be everything we want.

Being a mother is a hard juggling act. While I am not a mother myself (except for my fur baby Teddy), I am constantly inspired and amazed by all the Mothering figures in my life. These women not only love but they also listen, laugh, care, dream, support and give tirelessly. It seems only right to say thank you and appreciate all that they do not only on that day, but everyday!

I wonder though, how many people think of Mother Mary on Mothers day too. Do we take a couple of minutes out of our day to thank Mother Mary, for her gift of Jesus and example as a mother who selflessly loved her son and God? Maybe as a family you could take this weekend you could have a discussion about what role Mary might have in your family life and say a prayer of thanks for her example in our faith.

Finally, I wanted to say, to all the mums and mother figures out there, thank you for all you do and all you are. May you all be blessed this weekend and beyond for just being your amazing self!

Confirmation News:

For our Year 6 students the sacrament of Confirmation is fast approaching on the ***18th May at 5:30pm***. While the students have begun their learning in class and as a community with our Family information night last wednesday night. Tomorrow ALL year 6 students will celebrate a refection day with Bishop Tony Ireland and the Gen Bryant team to help their preparation.

Caritas Project Compassion:

A huge thank you to all of our families who donated money to our Project Compassion fundraiser last term. Over Lent we raised an amazing **$1169.65** that will be donated to Caritas to support all those most in need. Our winning class who raised the most money was Prep T who will receive a special treat from Mrs O in the coming weeks.

I don’t think it's a coincidence that we ended last term with Easter and started this term with ANZAC day. It is easy to separate these two events into secularised celebrations yet when we take time to stop and reflect we can see some similarities between the two. Both Easter and ANZAC day did not occur as pure celebrations. They also encompass loss, sacrifice and pain as well.

As we arrived at school Yesterday we took time to remember the ANZACs through a liturgy. We prayed for all those who have been involved in a war or affected by one. We also prayed for Hope and peace in the world around us. As we begin the new term it is easy to brush Easter aside as a distant memory and yet Liturgically speaking we are still in the season of the Risen Easter, a time of hope, a time of peace, a time of promise.

As we take time to talk to our families this week about ANZAC day and what it means, maybe we can also talk about love, remembrance and hope that came from the loss. Just like when Jesus returned after the resurrection to remember his promise to always be with us. Maybe it is also a good time to reflect and remember those in our families that we have loved and dearly lost over the years.

Confirmation News:

For our Year 6 students the sacrament of Confirmation is fast approaching on the ***18th May at 5:30pm***. While the students have begun their learning in class already we will start the celebration with our Family information night next ***Wednesday 3rd of May in the Hall from 6:30-7:30pm***. All students receiving the sacrament along with parents are expected to attend.
If you have any questions please feel free to email me.

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St Jude's Flames Basketball News

Flames U21 Boys Gold (46) v Kingston Comets Demons (12)

The boys first game back was incredible to watch. The team work just kes getting better every season. We welcomed Daniel who fit in perfectly and Thomas (back from injury) like he had never left.
All the boys defence was amazing to watch. All the boys shooting has come so far, special mention to Andre and Beau O who were on fire.

Andre (19) - Beau M - (4) Beau O (15) - Daniel (2) - Lincoln (4) - Thomas (2)

Flames Under 12 Boys Gold (28) v Lazer Blitz (36)

Another great effort today from the whole team. Our boys in defence were on fire. It's so amazing to watch the boys keep fighting till the very end. We just couldn't get home with the win.

Big thank you to Rachael for Coaching and Ryan for Scoring.

Andre (13) - Beau O (11) - Daniel (2) - Lincoln (2)

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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