

7th August 2025

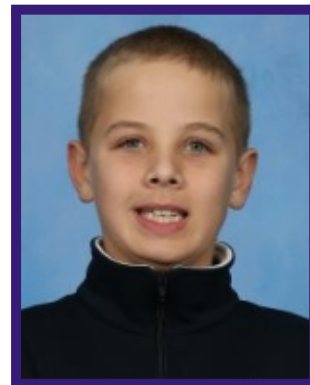
Dear Parents & Carers

What a fun filled action packed start to the Term we have had. During week one we celebrated Grandparents day and we were amazed with the number of people who attended. The feel at Mass and afterwards in classrooms was one of joy. Thank you for helping make this such a special event, not only for the grandparents but for our students.



Semester 2 School Captains

Congratulations to Alannah V and Miles S for their appointments as our Semester 2 School Captains.



A big thank you to Evie A and Gilbert H for their commitment as our Semester 1 School Captains.

Santino and Riek

As you all would no doubt be aware we spent some of last week watching basketball and supporting our two outstanding young Year 6's who represented Victoria at the national school championships in Brisbane. It was evident that not only are they wonderful in their sport but they also showed amazing sportsmanship and care for their team mates. We are so proud of Santino and Riek and the way they represented themselves, our school and their state!



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OFFICE HOURS: 8.30am – 4.00pm

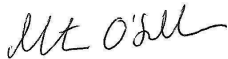
They also managed to play in an undefeated team who won a very exciting grand final against South Australia.

A huge thanks also to our school community who through our cookie dough fundraiser contributed \$1716 to their trip. Well done to the boys, their family and also to our school family for the support that has been shown. Cookie Dough will be delivered on the 27th of August.

2026 Prep Interviews

We are well and truly underway with conducting Prep interviews for our next year intake. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the next little people who will join our school community. The great news if we have a new generation of Carlton supporters - to be honest I need as much help as I can with barracking for the Blues.

Yours Sincerely,



Marita O'Sullivan



CAMP FEES

**A reminder that 3 / 4 Camp fees are due tomorrow, 8th August 2025
If you are experiencing difficulty paying, please let us know.**

Term 3 Important Dates

Date	Reason
8th August	Year 3/4 Eucharist Reflection Day ole 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	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



ST. JUDE'S FLAMES

REGISTER NOW

SUMMER SEASON

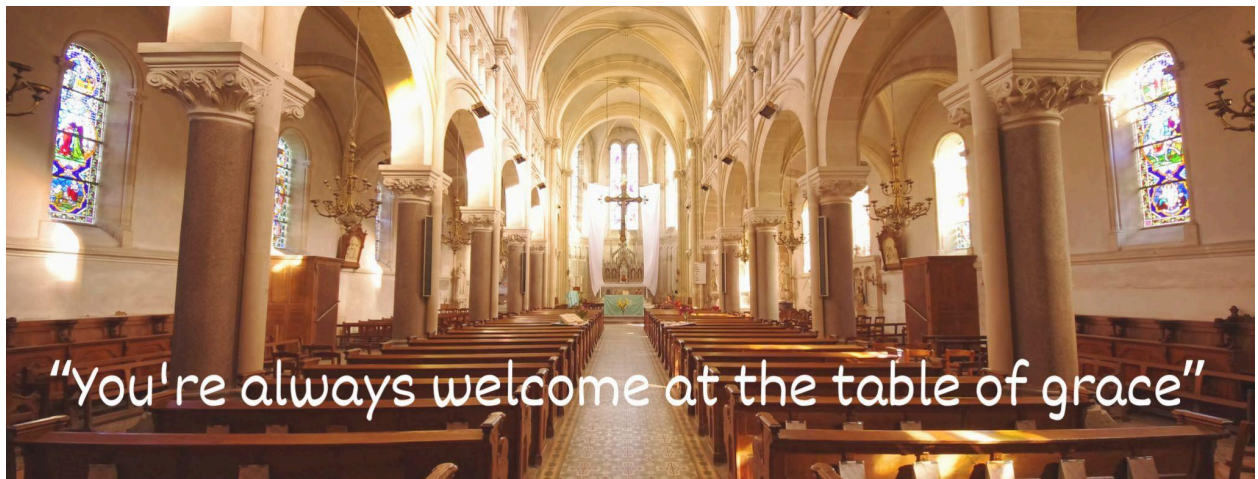
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Any enquiries please email stjudesflames@gmail.com

REGISTRATION LINK OPEN FROM 5/8/25 9AM AND
CLOSES 5/9/25 5PM.

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In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples: "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit...Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes." (Luke 12:35–40) This powerful message reminds us of the importance of being ready. Not just physically, but spiritually. Jesus invites us to be people of light, always prepared to welcome Him into our lives with open hearts. What a beautiful message to carry and unpack as we continue to journey through this Jubilee Year of Hope.

This weekend also marks a very special occasion in our school and parish life. Some of our Year Four students will receive Eucharist for the first time. Our students have been preparing thoughtfully, learning what it means to receive Jesus in the Eucharist and how this Sacrament is a sign of His love and presence with us always.

Just like the servants mentioned in the Gospel who waited eagerly for their master, our First Communicants are getting ready to welcome Jesus in a new and deeply personal way. They are lighting their own lamps of faith through prayer, reflection and learning. Through this time of growth they are learning to open the door of their hearts to Jesus in a deeper way.

Just like our eagerly awaiting students who are about to receive Jesus through the Eucharist for the first time this weekend, we can all be encouraged to reflect on how we can be spiritually ready to meet Jesus each day, especially through the gift of the Eucharist. We are all welcome at the Altar to come and receive. Just like one of the songs that will be sung during this celebration on Sunday,

"At the table of grace, the cup's never empty. The plate's always full, and it's never too late. To come and be filled with love never ending. You're always welcome at the table of grace"

Let us keep our First Eucharist candidates and their families in our prayers during this sacred journey.

Loving Jesus,
 Help us to keep our lamps lit with
 faith, love, and joy.
 May our hearts be open and ready
 to welcome You always,
 especially in the gift of the Eucharist.
 Bless our First Communicants and
 their families
 as they prepare for this sacred
 moment.
 Amen.

WELLBEING AT ST JUDE'S

'RUOK' WORKSHOP

Our Year 5/6 students recently took part in an engaging and meaningful R U OK? Day workshop. The session explored important topics such as understanding feelings and emotions, what mental health is, and the various factors that can impact our mental wellbeing. A highlight of the workshop was the creation of individual mental health toolkits—this was a personalised resource that each student developed to help them navigate their emotions and strengthen resilience. We hope to continue working with this foundation in the future.



INFORM AND EMPOWER CYBERSAFETY SESSIONS

Students will continue to participate in the Inform and Empower Cybersafety sessions this term. The focuses for each unit are:

- Prep: Learning this term will focus on navigating the online world more safely. They will discuss how not all places on the internet are safe. They will explore how trusted adults can help us stay safe online.
- Year 1/2: Learning this term will focus on the importance of creating strong usernames and passwords and not sharing personal information online. They will also discuss how not everyone online is who they say they are.
- Year 3/4: Learning this term will focus on developing strategies for navigating uncomfortable situations. They will also explore what it means to be an upstander and discuss help-seeking strategies.
- Year 5/6: Learning this term will focus on navigating uncomfortable situations. They will explore strategies for being an upstander as well as how and where to seek help. They will also discuss the importance of consent in online interactions.

If you have any questions then please feel free to contact me:

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St Jude's Student Wellbeing Team:

Dimitry Hemingway, Donna Rowland,
Darren Perry, Marita O'Sullivan, Andy
Wanke & Milan Greco



Learning at

ST JUDE'S LANGWARRIN



Caroline Hume
English & Enrichment Leader



Braden Hammond - STEM teacher,
Mathematics & Enrichment Leader

English

Book Week

25- 29 August



This term, we will be celebrating 'Book Week' at St Jude's. Although Book Week is from 18-22 August, due to the 3/4 camp and the school closure day on Friday 22nd August, we will be celebrating the following week at St Jude's.

Book Week Character Dress-Up Parade

As part of our Book Week celebrations, we are hosting a Character Dress-Up Parade. We invite all students to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to express their creativity and share their love of reading with their peers.

Date: Friday 29th August

Time: 8.45am in the school hall

We are looking forward to you joining us for a wonderful celebration of books and reading at St Jude's.

Gold Coin Donation to ROOP

Reading Out of Poverty (ROOP) is an Australian not-for-profit organisation dedicated to promoting and delivering early literacy programs among children from low socio-economic backgrounds.



On Book Week Character Dress-Up Day, we will be raising money to provide a **pop-up library** for the children in Yarrabah, a remote Indigenous community in Far North

Queensland, where access to books and literacy resources is severely limited and the need is urgent.

We kindly ask that you bring a gold coin to help us transform a child's life forever. Thank you.

Mathematics

Explicit teaching to development efficient mental strategies



What are mental strategies?

Mental strategies in mathematics are flexible and efficient thinking methods used to solve problems without the need to write or draw your workings. These include estimating, partitioning, and using known facts. They help build number sense, improve confidence and enable students to solve problems with less cognitive load. **In short, having a range of mental tools at your disposal makes problem solving a less demanding task!**

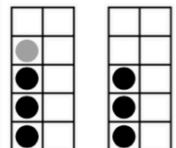
Our Year 2 team have been working to support their students to build robust mental strategies in the area of addition and subtraction.

For ten minutes each day over the course of a two week period, students are explicitly taught how and when to use an efficient mental strategy.



Currently, our Year 2s are learning about the mental strategy **near doubles**. The near doubles strategy involves students doubling a number and adjusting by 1. For instance, 3 and 3 makes 6 so 3 and 4

would make 7. You can see that visually in the model to the left. Students have the opportunity to use tactile materials, draw pictures, manipulate visual models in order to create these mental models that can be relied upon when solving problems.



Test your Year 2 at home! You might be impressed!



BOOK CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY



BOOK WEEK IS HERE!

Let's bring stories to life ✨



Friday 29th August

Bring a **gold coin donation**, and
**come dressed as your favourite
book character** for the whole day!

♥ **Funds raised** will help bring the **joy of reading to Indigenous children** in remote communities like **Yarrabah**, Far North Queensland.



SUPPORT THE CAUSE



LEARN MORE

<https://roop.org.au/book-week-2025>





CTRL SHIFT

HOW TO HELP OUR CHILDREN STAY SAFE ONLINE

An Educational Workshop and Discussion

www.ctrlshift.global

Thursday 7 August 2025
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Online via Teams

Join Ctrl+Shift 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.






Dad Chat with Tony Vallance - Dad, Teacher and Counsellor

Communities For Children Frankston Community Workshop Series is designed for local parents/carers, volunteers and staff working or living with children, who are seeking information and practical strategies.

Facilitated by Tony Vallance from Building Better Brains

This practical presentation is all about Dad stuff! It's suitable for Dads, Stepdads, Carers, Grandads or those working with or wanting to support Dads.

Uncover fun and engaging ways to communicate, play and connect with your children.

The free, online workshop will cover:

- Various parenting styles and supporting you to find out what works best for you
- Ways to feel more confident in your Dad decisions
- How to respond to the needs of your children with presence and patience.

DATE: Thursday 7th August 2025
TIME: 7.00pm - 8.30pm
WHERE: Online event via Zoom webinar

SCAN TO REGISTER:



For questions contact Sally McIntyre at cfc_southern@anglicarevic.org.au



CFC is funded by the Australian Government, Department of Social Services. See www.dss.gov.au for more information.

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BETTER TOMORROWS



GOOD CLEAN FUN

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

LANGWARRIN AUSKICK CENTRE

Monday: 11th August - 8th September
4:00pm - 5:00pm
Lloyd Park Reserve






HOOK in 2 HOCKEY!

FRANKSTON HOCKEY CLUB

FIRST SESSION IS FREE!
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!

14 Aug 2025 - 18 Sept 2025, 1700-1800

Peninsula Hockey Centre, 1-3 Bloom St, Frankston, VIC 3977

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SCAN ME



