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Dear Parents/Carers

Last Thursday the sacrament of Confirmation took place with Bishop Tony confirming our Year 6 candidates. It was a momentous occasion as our students, supported by their families, sponsors, and our dedicated staff, received the Holy Spirit. During this sacred ceremony, the students embraced the seven gifts of the Spirit - Wisdom, Understanding, Right judgement, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence, and Wonder and Awe. These gifts are invaluable treasures that will guide and empower our students as they continue their faith journey. We are immensely proud of each student. Let us continue to nurture and support them as they strive to live out these gifts in their everyday lives.



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
Core Hub
Link](#)

Teacher Shortage

I would like to address an ongoing concern that has affected many schools nationwide, including ours—the teacher shortage. Unfortunately, this shortage has created challenges in ensuring adequate coverage when teachers are unwell or need to take time off. While we strive to provide a seamless learning experience for our students, there may be instances when we need to split classes. Our dedicated staff members are working diligently to develop contingency plans and implement effective strategies to minimise disruptions in the learning process. I can assure you that splitting classes is always the last option. I thank you for your understanding and support as we navigate through these circumstances.

Report to the office during the school day

A reminder to parents if you need to drop something off to your child during the day please report to the office first. This is inline with our Child Safety Guidelines as well as our Emergency Management processes.

Prep & Year 7 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. As well as looking to 2024 with Prep enrolments it is also time to ensure that all Year 6 students have secured a school for Year 7 2024. If this is not yet done please contact Karen in the office in a timely manner.

Uniform

With the cold weather upon us please make sure that all uniform pieces are clearly labelled. Often children will take jumpers off during play and leave them behind. If they are not clearly labelled it is difficult to return them to the right owner.

Yours Sincerely

Marita O'Sullivan

FORTNIGHT IN REVIEW







This weekend in the Church we will celebrate the feast of Pentecost. This weekend also marks the beginning of Reconciliation week. When thinking about what to write about this week, I couldn't help but draw links between the students who received the sacrament of Confirmation last week and the disciples who were there on the very first feast day of Pentecost.

Last Thursday during the Confirmation liturgy, a very warm and welcoming Bishop Tony came down from the altar to begin his homily and asked the students if they were nervous. There were awkward nods from the candidates. He reminded them that he was kind, and that he was going to talk to them just the same as he had the week before on his school visit. He also reminded them that everyone was there to pray for them and give them strength on this very special night.

Rewind the clock back more than 2000 years ago to the story of Pentecost we all know. Imagine how the disciples were feeling waiting in the upper room for a sign for Jesus. When he appeared, on the Day of Pentecost, he asked them why they were scared? While Jesus was there, a gust of wind roared through and anointed them with the Holy Spirit. Giving them the strength to go out, to be brave, to be honest and to make a difference to the world around them.

These same gifts have been given to us all and when nurtured we can do amazing and brave things, as our Year 6 Confirmation Candidates know so well. This week we are asked to use our gifts to develop new understandings of what Reconciliation Week might mean for our Indigenous population, and for us as non indigenous people. To ponder the question, how are we called by God to shape a new and deepened understanding of the traditional custodians of this land and the way in which we nurture their rich, continued connection to land and culture?

Our Fire carriers, as well as the whole school, have been invited to attend a Mass at St Johns in Frankston at 10am. We would love to see you all there, maybe this is the difference you can make this week to help walk alongside our indigenous brothers and sisters. To "be a Voice for Generations."

Have a lovely weekend, and may you see the Holy Spirit working in your actions and interactions with others.

Reconciliation Week Mass

Sunday 28th May @ 10a.m

The Bunurong Catholic School cluster warmly invite you to participate in our first combined schools mass.

This will be a hope-filled celebration as we pray together for healing and new beginnings in our nation.

Venue: St John's Catholic Church, Coral Street, East Frankston (parking in school grounds via Jayne Street)

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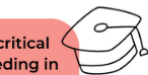
English

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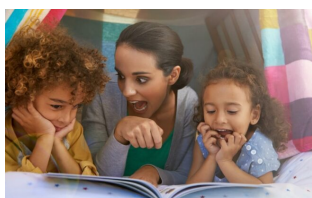


A word on comprehension

The main purpose of home reading is to practise the reading strategies that have been taught at home on an easy text. With continued practice, reading becomes more fluent and comprehension improves.

The books that come home should not be hard for your child to read. Reading is all about the meaning and message of the text, not just being able to read the words. Any time that your child reads an easy text, they are improving their fluency and comprehension. Providing opportunities for children to read easy books at home is an important part of a well-rounded reading program.

Have fun reading with your child at home!



Year Level Spotlight: Maths in Year 3/4

The Year 3/4s are currently learning about creating and interpreting maps, investigating the effect of one-step slides and flips as well as identifying and describing half and quarter turns.

They have been making maps of buried treasure and interpreting keys and scales on maps.

They have also been using technology to explore the effect of one-step slides and flips.



Here are some photos of Mr Hammond's Extension Group who have been measuring translations using a grid coordinate system!

Ask your 3/4 student at home to help you out with maps!



Maths Game! Race to Zero!

The Year 1/2s have been exploring subtraction over the last week. Here is Ava demonstrating a game that can help us understand the 'counting back' strategy as well as recording number sentences.

Click the image below to view!



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uh5_rD_XmUY



FIRE has always been the heart of Aboriginal culture. The FIRE (Friends Igniting Reconciliation through Education) carrier program encourages reconciliation among Victorian schools. It is also a way for catholic schools to promote respect, fairness, and kindness towards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Last Thursday students from our school along with others from schools from the area arrived at St. Augustine's. As a group we walked a short distance to a garden and sat down to attend the smoking ceremony and commissioning to the FIRE carriers program. A local indigenous man came up and introduced himself, and began to speak about the brass bowl that had been placed in the centre of the garden, and how the smoke pouring from it was symbolic to the Aboriginal people. We made a pledge to protect the ever-so-slowly fading culture of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. To end the ceremony, he blessed us and handed out shiny new badges. We were now official FIRE carriers! After that, we did many fun activities including pottery and bouquet making.



Once this was complete we joined with other schools to complete a range of activities such as flower arranging and posters to promote Reconciliation week that is coming up. Over the day we were constantly reminded of the commitment we were making, to make a difference, do right, and help others for as long as we could. To carry the Fire and always carry it.



Just like their motto:

“Once a FIRE carrier, Always a FIRE carrier”

Written by Hannah 3/4HC



Flames under 8 Boys - (17) v RR Spurs (5)

Well done boys and coach Josh on your first win of the season!!

Team work was key with great passing and solid defence from all the boys.

Zane 7pts Madden 6pts Max 4 points.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**Apply now for
Year 7 2025**

Applications due by Friday 18 August 2023

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