



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



NEWSLETTER

15th May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all the mums and special people who joined us for our wonderfully successful breakfast last Friday morning. It was a joy to see the gym buzzing with excitement, laughter and connection as our school community came together to celebrate and share in this special occasion. We are also incredibly grateful to those who so generously donated prizes for our raffle, your kindness and support helped make the event even more memorable. A sincere thank you must also go to our dedicated staff, whose hard work and commitment ensured the morning ran so smoothly. In particular, I would like to acknowledge Janet Edwards and Dimity Hemingway for their outstanding efforts and attention to detail in organising such a warm and welcoming celebration.

It has been a big week for our Junior students as they enthusiastically participated in the swimming program each day. This program is not only a highlight of the year but also an important part of our school curriculum, helping to build water confidence, safety skills, and physical development in a fun and supportive environment. The students have shown great resilience and energy throughout the week and we are proud of the way they have embraced the opportunity. A huge thank you to our staff and families for supporting this valuable program and ensuring its success.



A reminder to all families that Father Martin's Installation Mass as our Parish Priest will take place this Sunday at 10am. This is a special occasion for our school and parish community and we warmly invite all school families to join us in celebrating this important milestone. We are truly blessed to have Father Martin leading our parish, his warmth, guidance and ability to connect with people of all ages is a real gift to our community. Following the Mass, there will be light refreshments served in the hall. This is a lovely opportunity to come together and show our support for Father Martin as he begins his new ministry with us. We hope to see many of you there. If you are planning on attending please fill in the following Google form.



[Invitation & RSVP - Mass for installation of Fr Martin Ajiyoye](#)

St Jude's Primary School
30 Warrandyte Road, Langwarrin, 3910
Email: admin@sjlangwarrin.catholic.edu.au
www.sjlangwarrin.catholic.edu.au
OFFICE HOURS: 8.30am – 4.00pm

Staff News

You may have noticed that Darren Perry has been away since Week One of this term, enjoying a well deserved and fabulous break while on long service leave. I am pleased to share that Darren will be returning to school on Monday and we look forward to welcoming him back. In his absence, Dimity Hemingway has taken on the role of Acting Deputy Principal, I would like to sincerely thank her for her outstanding leadership and dedication during this time. It is no surprise that Dimity has provided calm, capable, and compassionate guidance and I am very grateful for the way she has supported students, staff, and families throughout this time. I feel extremely blessed to have such depth and strength within our leadership team, whose dedication, talent and support continue to enrich our school community in so many ways.

School Photos

I would like to thank Karen Noone for her outstanding work and coordination of our recent school photos. Karen has worked tirelessly behind the scenes, liaising closely with the photography company to ensure everything ran smoothly on the day. She continues to follow up regularly with the company to obtain a confirmed timeline for when the photos will be returned. While we are still waiting on a definite date, please know that we are doing everything we can to keep things moving and will communicate with families as soon as we receive an update. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Uniform

Thank you to families for the continued support in upholding our school uniform guidelines. I have included the guidelines again in this edition of the newsletter as a helpful reference. I have been advised that the school tracksuit pants should hopefully be back in stock by next week, which will be welcome news for many. A gentle reminder to please ensure all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name. We have had a number of jumpers and other items handed in without names, making it difficult to return them to their owners. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

Uniform Guidelines

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 are available
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

We are urgently seeking to confirm if there are any current families who will require a Prep place for 2026 and **have not yet submitted a Prep application** for next year. The demand for 2026 enrolments is already very high. It is important that we receive all applications as soon as possible to help us plan effectively. If you have a younger child due to start Prep in 2026 and have not yet completed an application, please contact the office immediately to secure your place. Immediate confirmation from our existing families is essential to prioritise enrolments and ensure a smooth transition for everyone. Please note that applications close by Friday 30th May, due to demand we will not be in the position to accept late enrolments.

[Click here to start your application](#)

Yours Sincerely,



Marita O'Sullivan

Mother's Day

Thank you to all the businesses whose generous contributions helped make our Mother's Day Breakfast a success!

We are so grateful for your support and commitment to our school community!



2025 School Closure Dates including Public Holidays during School Terms

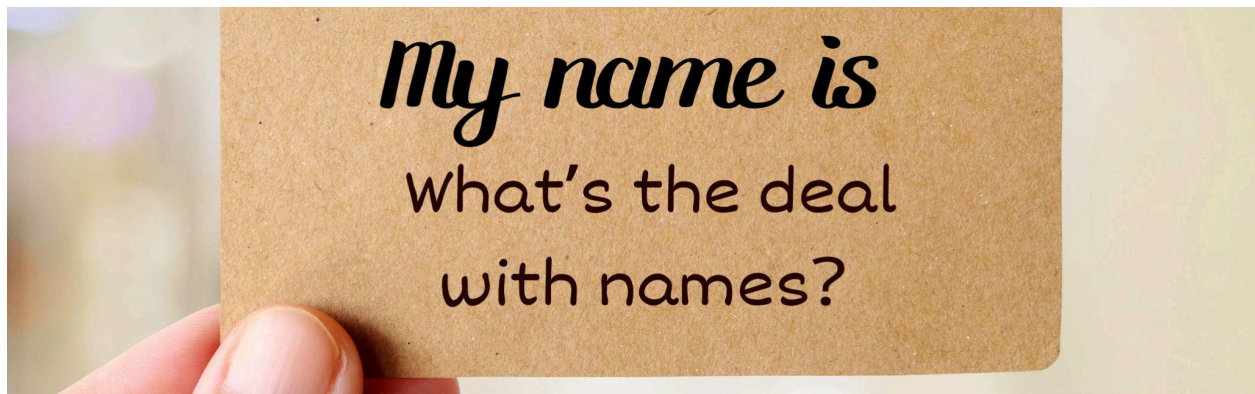
Term	Date	Reason
Term 2	Monday 9th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
	Tuesday 10th June	Curriculum day Religious Education
	Monday 30th June - Wednesday 2nd July	Year 5/6 Camp Sovereign Hill Camp
Term 3	Wednesday 30th July	Parent Teacher Interviews School finishes at 1pm
	Friday 22nd August	Curriculum 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

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



Over the past few weeks, many special names have been chosen—within our school community, as our children prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, and around the world with the election of a new Holy Father. In our Catholic tradition, a name is never just a label. It speaks of the person's hopes, values, and the kind of heart they carry. When a pope chooses a name, it offers us a beautiful glimpse into the kind of leader he hopes to be and the path he feels called to walk.

So, why change a name?

Throughout the Bible, when someone's life was transformed in a deep and meaningful way, God gave them a new name—Abram became Abraham, Saul became Paul. A new name marks a new chapter. And whether it's becoming pope or being Confirmed, it's a moment of great change, calling for a new identity rooted in faith, purpose, and mission.

For our Confirmation candidates, choosing a saint is a precious part of their journey. Saints are more than just historical figures—they are heroes of faith who show us how to live with courage, kindness, and love. By choosing a saint's name, each child is choosing a spiritual friend—someone to guide, inspire, and walk beside them as they grow in their relationship with God. Often, they're drawn to a saint whose life mirrors something in their own, making the experience deeply personal and meaningful. Just as our children choose a saint to walk with them, Popes do the same. Their chosen name reflects the kind of shepherd they hope to be.

For example:

- **Pope Francis** took his name from St. Francis of Assisi, who lived simply and loved deeply, especially those who were poor or forgotten.
- **Pope Leo XIV**, our newly elected Holy Father, chose his name in honour of the previous Pope Leo XIII, remembered for his strong voice for justice and the dignity of workers. His name points to a desire to guide the Church with wisdom, compassion, and a heart for fairness in today's world.

This week, I invite you to have a conversation at home about saints who inspire you or the name your child has chosen for Confirmation. Take a moment to explore that saint's story together—you may even find a new one who speaks to your own heart. What a lovely way to share faith and learn about someone inspiring together.

Have a blessed week,

Lauren Considine



National Reconciliation Week 2025 is just around the corner. This year the theme is 'Bridging Now to Next'.

National Reconciliation Week is a chance to promote respectful relationships and connections between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the wider Australian community.



The Fire Carrier Leaders of St Jude's encourage you to join us as we Walk to School for Reconciliation. On Friday 30th May, children are encouraged to wear a splash of red, yellow or black on the day. If possible, please bring along a gold coin as a donation for the Opening the Doors Foundation, a charity which supports the education of First Nations children in Victoria.



Learning at

ST JUDE'S LANGWARRIN



Caroline Hume
English & Enrichment Leader



Braden Hammond - STEM teacher,
Mathematics & Enrichment Leader

English

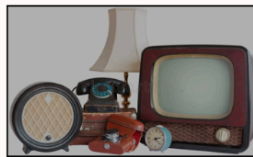
Learning in the Junior School



Building Historical Knowledge

Throughout Term Two, students across St Jude's are studying History. In the Junior school, our students will be learning about their families, how their lives have changed over time, whilst Years One and Two students will also explore the history of our St Jude's community.

Reading and Writing provide the ideal vehicle to learn about our history. Students in the Junior School will be reading fiction and non fiction texts to build their understanding. There will also be many opportunities to build and express their understanding through a variety of writing tasks.



Some examples are -

- Creating a family tree
- Timelines with drawings and labels
- Generating questions to ask family members about their family history
- Information reports about the past and present, or the History of St Jude's
- A description of your family's story

Thankyou for supporting your child's understanding of their family history and how their lives have changed over time. As always, we appreciate you being your child's first educator.



families share special stories.

Mathematics

Solving problems at home



At St Jude's, we understand that supporting your child in mathematics can sometimes feel challenging. That's why we encourage families to explore a **Solving Together** approach. By utilising some of these strategies, you can take the guesswork out of supporting your child mathematically.

Solving Together

Maths is more than numbers, it's a way of thinking, spotting patterns, and solving problems creatively. It's not about always having the right answer, but about being curious, making mistakes, and learning from them.



Be Curious, ask questions

You don't need to be a maths expert to help your child. Just as a coach doesn't need to be better than the athlete, you can support your child by exploring problems together, listening to their ideas, and asking thoughtful questions like "Can we predict what will happen next?" or "Do you notice any patterns?". Don't tell them what to think, ask them to prompt thinking.

Acknowledge Effort

Most importantly, praise effort and perseverance. Let your child know that making mistakes is part of learning—and that you're there, learning with them.





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.

Community Information



Frankston Police – Operation Safe Plate

Saturday 31st of May 2025

BUNNINGS WAREHOUSE - FRANKSTON

10am - 2pm

To reduce the incidence of theft of number plates, Frankston Police with support of Bunnings Frankston, Frankston CFA and Frankston SES are providing

FREE ANTI-THEFT SCREWS



Bring your vehicle to the Frankston Bunnings, on Saturday 31st of May between 10am and 2pm and have your number plate screws changed over to theft resistant screws, free of charge.

Information on crime prevention products will be available, including security cameras, Video Doorbells, Motion Sensor Lights, Smart Alarms, Window/Door locks and other security products.

