



Melbourne Archdiocese  
Catholic Schools



# NEWSLETTER

6<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## Save the date - Wednesday 30th April 7.00 pm - 8.30pm CyberSafety Seminar for parents and carers

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the school year. As we have in the past, the first two weeks of Term One is our startup program. St Jude's follows the Positive Behaviour 4 Learning framework, which fosters a positive, supportive, and consistent approach to student behaviour and wellbeing. Previously known as **School-Wide Positive Behaviour** this framework is designed to create a school culture where students feel safe, respected and engaged in their learning.

Our approach focuses on fostering positive relationships, promoting a love of learning and encouraging students to be **respectful, responsible, resilient and ready to learn**. By embedding these values into everything we do we help students develop the skills and confidence they need to succeed both in and beyond the classroom. Together we are building a strong caring school community where every child feels valued and inspired to achieve their best. Part of the start up program includes the explicit teaching of our three school wide expectations, ensuring that all have a shared understanding of expectations.

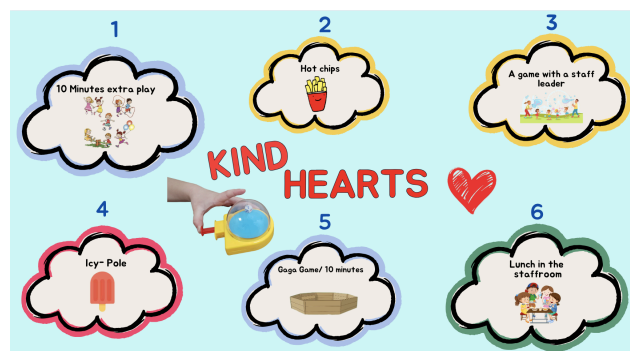
*'Everyone at St Jude's has the right to be treated with respect, the right to learn and the right to feel safe'*

Last week each class teacher introduced an exciting new reward system to encourage kindness across our school. Every classroom now has a '**Kind Heart Reward Jar**' reinforcing our focus on using our **kind hearts** in everyday interactions. When students are spotted demonstrating kindness they add a heart to their class jar. Once the jar reaches a set target the whole class earns a reward.

The first reward was a refreshing **icy pole**, which created a wonderful buzz of excitement among students. More importantly this initiative has been a fantastic reminder of the importance of being kind to others. I am thrilled to share that every class has already reached their first target, perfect timing for some icy-pole weather!

Once the next target is reached the excitement will continue as the class rolls the dice from 'Mrs. O's Mini Dice Dome' to determine their reward! The possible rewards include:

- 10 minutes of extra play
- Hot chips
- A game with one of the staff leaders



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OFFICE HOURS: 8.30am – 4.00pm

- An icy pole
- A class Gaga game
- A class lunch in the staffroom

An Operoo will be sent out to seek permission for students to have hot chips and any other potential food based rewards in the future. If you would prefer your child not to receive a food treat due to dietary requirements or personal preference, we are happy to provide an alternative.

Looking ahead, possible future food rewards may include a lollipop, a donut, or a chocolate frog. However, please know that there will always be non-food reward options available.

### Canteen

Due to staffing arrangements we will be operating the canteen on Tuesday's and Friday's this year. The canteen is open tomorrow (7/2) and will begin on Tuesday's next week (11/2). Lunch can be ordered via Flexischools. Orders need to be put through no later than 9am of the morning you are ordering lunch.

### Assemblies

We will have our first assembly on Friday 14th February and thereafter every fortnight (odd weeks of the term) beginning at 8.45am in the hall. Please note our first assembly will begin at 9am, this will allow time for our Preps to get organised to attend.

### Uniform

St Jude's Uniform	
<b>ACADEMIC/EVERYDAY UNIFORM OPTIONS</b> 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

As per the Operoo sent out earlier this week;

*It has come to our attention that there is a fault in the fabric with the first delivery of the new St Jude's green academic polo. Some of you may have noticed that the fabric is pilling, this is isolated to the academic polo and fabric has been sent off for testing. Our supplier has removed the polo from online and instore until new replacement stock is available.*

*Families that have already purchased the new polo **will have their purchased polo replaced at no charge**, it is expected that replacement stock will be available in early to Mid March.*

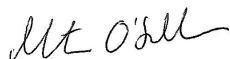
*Students can continue to wear existing garments until replacements arrive. Naturally I am very disappointed, however I am working with the supplier to achieve a responsive positive outcome.*

*It has been pleasing to see just how responsive our new supplier has been.*

If you are having difficulties finding where to write your child's name on the new hat, it has a hidden tag, see photo.



Yours Sincerely,



Marita O'Sullivan

### *Welcome Back to School Picnic 2025*



All families are invited to join us at school for our Welcome picnic from 5-7pm next Thursday 13th February.

Bring along your dinner and snacks.  
To be inline with Child Safety Standards this is an alcohol free event.

Come and meet fellow families, classmates, buddies and our St Jude's staff.

We will be running some fun games and have sports gear out.  
See you next Thursday from 5pm on our school oval!

## 2025 School Closure Dates including Public Holidays during School Terms

Term	Date	Reason
Term 1	Wednesday 26th Feb	Parent Teacher Interviews School finishes at 1pm
	Friday 7th March	Curriculum Day Berry Street Day 3
	Monday 10th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
	Friday 4th April	End of Term School finishes at 1pm
Term 2	Tuesday 22nd April	Time in lieu
	Friday 25th April	ANZAC Day
	Monday 9th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
	Tuesday 10th June	Curriculum day Religious Education
	Friday 4th July	End of Term School finishes at 1pm
Term 3	Wednesday 30th July	Parent Teacher Interviews School finishes at 1pm
	Friday 22nd August	Curriculum Day Berry Street Day 4
	Thursday 18th September	End of Term School finishes at 3.15pm
	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 School finishes at 1pm



Learning at

# ST JUDE'S LANGWARRIN



**Caroline Hume**  
English & Enrichment Leader



**Braden Hammond** - STEM teacher,  
Mathematics & Enrichment Leader

**Welcome to new families and welcome back to familiar faces!**

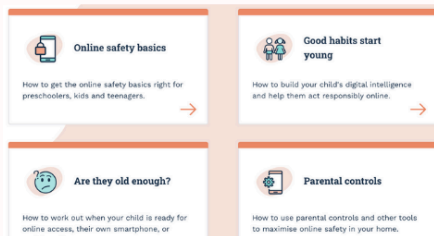
Welcome back parents and families to another school year at St Jude's! We are looking forward to **growing together with hope and positivity in 2025!**

It is our intention that these newsletters support you and your children in English, Mathematical and STEM learning. Look out for advice, year level news, resources and games to play in future editions of this news.

## Safer Internet Day 2025 Tuesday 11th February

Safer Internet Day (SID2025) is a global initiative to raise awareness of online safety issues. Safer Internet Day will take place on Tuesday 11 February 2025 (Week 3) and is led by the eSafety Commissioner in Australia.

In 2025, Safer Internet Day calls for us all to play a role in fostering a safer, more positive online environment – one conversation, one click and one day at a time. There are a number of family resources that you can engage with on the eSafety website, including stories, discussion prompts and informative videos. Scan the QR to find out more.



**Keep an eye out for a CyberSafety Parent Night, happening in April. More information to come!**



**The Swoosh, Glide and Rule Number 5 picture book** (read by Jimmy Rees) and **My Family Rules** song encourage young children to be safe, be kind, ask for help and make good choices when they are online. Use them to 'start the chat' about online safety!





It's Week Two and we have begun settling into a new year at St Judes. We have welcomed new students, staff and families and the community spirit is well and truly alive. You can see kind hearts being used everywhere!

This year Pope Francis has called a Holy Jubilee year of Hope. Every 25 years in the Church the Holy Father elects a special year calling people of faith to come together. The theme for Jubilee 2025 is "*Pilgrims of Hope*", where we are called to come together, to rekindle faith and spread the message of hope around the world. With this in mind our school theme this year is *Growing together in hope and positivity*.

At our opening year Mass this morning our community came together and unpacked the theme of Hope together. We sang, we prayed and we thought about our hopes, and dreams for the year ahead. Father taught us that 'light doesn't shout, it shines.' It was a lovely thought for us to just keep shining this year as we grow. We also commissioned our newest Mini Vinnies who will work together to provide Hope through works of social justice for our most vulnerable people in the community.



As we continue on this journey together I ask you to find moments of Hope in the challenges your family might face. You might like to have a chat with your children about what their hopes are, for their family, their community, the world and their future. Sometimes our youngest people provide the best wisdom! You might also like to listen to a couple of songs that were written for the year of Hope and are already hits at school. [Hope is alive](#) and [Be Hope](#)

God Bless,  
Lauren Considine

### **Sacramental dates**

There are many parents asking about dates for sacraments this year. Please look out for correspondence on Operoo in the next few weeks for more information and enrolment details as we are currently finalising dates.

# WELLBEING AT ST JUDE'S

## RESILIENCE RIGHTS & RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

### Resilience, Right and Respectful Relationships

This term, students will be participating in activities from Topic 1 'Emotional Literacy' of the Resilience, Right & Respectful Relationships program.

Students will learn:

- Their ability to understand, express and manage their emotions.
- How to build empathy and to respond appropriately to the emotions of others.
- How to increase their emotional literacy and to build their self awareness of others.

Students will complete a variety of individual and collaborative based activities on this topic. This will be done every Thursday afternoon when the whole school is participating in Social and Emotional learning activities.

If you have any questions on the Resilience Rights & Respectful Relationships or the Inform and Empower programs then please feel free to contact me:  
Milan Greco  
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### INFORM & EMPOWER CYBERSAFETY

#### **PARENT SEMINAR:**

An Operoo was sent today about our upcoming CyberSafety information night for Parents and Carers.

We strongly encourage all parents/carers to attend this seminar that will be held on: Wednesday the 30th of April at 7pm at our school.

Please see the brochure on the next page for more information and how to RSVP.

#### **STUDENT LEARNING:**

Students will also participate in CyberSafety lessons run by Inform and Empower.

Live-streamed incursions will be held each Term for each grade from Prep to Year 6.

Topic covered include:

Cyberbullying, Digital Literacy, Critical Thinking, Healthy Digital Habits, Consent, Upstanders, plus much more.

#### **St Jude's Student Wellbeing Team:**

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

# RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

SEMINAR  
FOR PARENTS  
& CARERS

Social media

Online gaming

Strengthening family  
communication

Impacts of screen time

Cyberbullying

Managing devices at home

Child & tween online trends

Explicit/adult content

## St Jude's Parish Primary

Wednesday 30th April | 7.00 - 8.30 pm



Register to attend:  
[bit.ly/stjudeslang](https://bit.ly/stjudeslang)

\*This session is strictly for parents and carers only  
as the content is not suitable for children.



Presented by  
Martin McGauran,  
primary teacher and  
**digital safety educator**  
and Carley McGauran,  
**psychologist and mum**  
to 3 school-aged kids.



An evening that provided  
some reality checks! A few  
new changes in our home  
this week! - Parent

Marty and Carley were simply  
sensational. Their presentation  
was relevant, honest and  
informative. A MUST for each  
school, every year. - Principal

Incredible session... Should  
be essential for all parents!  
- Parent



Families,

Your child's dental health is important to us, that's why Teeth on Wheels will be visiting our school starting March 14th 2025.

[Click here to sign your child up - IT MIGHT BE FREE!](#)

Teeth on Wheels are focused on providing a positive dental experience and specialise with working with Children. They can provide check-up and clean appointments, as well as treatment onsite and will be able to advise you if your child is eligible to receive dental care for FREE under the Child Dental Benefit Schedule.

Please complete your form today and the Teeth on Wheels team will be in contact to confirm and schedule your child's appointment. - Forms must be completed by March 7th 2025 for your child to participate. If you are unable to access the E-form, please visit the school reception for a paper form.

# EXCITING NEWS

## Teeth on Wheels will be visiting our School!



At Teeth On Wheels, we provide the highest quality dental treatment while making it fun, positive and memorable for children.

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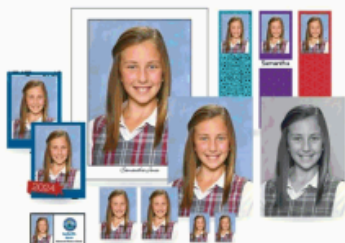
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a positive dental experience

## St Jude's Photo Day Monday 17th March

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