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September Divine Dose

Instead of trying to be better
than others,
try to make yourself better
than what you are.

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PRESIDENT'S DESK

September was another busy month behind the scenes as we focused on fulfilling our regulatory responsibilities. Our teams worked diligently to meet important regulatory obligations. Our Finance teams across all five chapters, along with our National Treasurer, have been working tirelessly with our accountants on ATO and ACNC-related lodgements to ensure full compliance and transparency. My sincere appreciation goes out to every member involved in these critical responsibilities.

We have also begun the exciting process of updating our website, supported by our capable web team. In parallel, our dedicated Secretarial team under the guidance of our National Secretary has been fine-tuning our National Newsletter initiative, which will serve as an important platform to connect, inform, and inspire our community.

As I reflect on these collective efforts, I am encouraged by how we are steadily shaping new initiatives and strengthening our national identity. The spirit of unity across all five chapters is becoming more evident than ever.

On a personal note, I had the privilege of joining the Sydney team for volunteer service during the Venkateswara Temple Brahmotsavam. Together, we prepared and served free food to approximately 1,000 devotees. The heartfelt commendations from the temple committee and the overwhelming appreciation from devotees were a testament to the exceptional spirit and standards upheld by JET volunteers nationwide. Moments like these reaffirm the true meaning of seva and the legacy of service inspired by our beloved Swamiji.

To each and every volunteer across all chapters - thank you. Thank you for your time, your energy, your compassion, and your continuous dedication. You are the reason our events thrive and our service brand continues to shine with pride. Let us continue to move forward together - with unity, humility, and a shared commitment to serving society with dedication.

Thanks again for your help.
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MELBOURNE EVENTS



SEPTEMBER WALK - 14 SEP 25

SEPTEMBER - *Step towards a brighter future*

SEPTEMBER is powered by Cerebral Palsy Alliance, a global leader in early detection, therapy, research and support for people with cerebral palsy.

JET Melbourne came together in an inspiring show of unity, compassion, and purpose for **September** Walk at Wyndham Park. The atmosphere was filled with excitement as volunteers and participants joined hands to make the event meaningful and memorable.



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Deepthiji** shared motivating insights on the benefits of walking. A calming yet energising light yoga along with refreshing community walk through started, where participants enjoyed the joy of walking together for a greater cause.
- **Councillor Jasmine Hill** addressed the gathering with her encouraging words and appreciated JET for the initiative.
- **Pratikshaji**, Speech Therapist from Maitri & Co, highlighted the importance of early intervention and the crucial role parents play.
- **Shriya** then moved the audience with her touching and powerful message on disability awareness and inclusion.
- **Pavanji** on behalf of JET Melbourne extends sincere thanks to everyone for their dedication, passion, and willingness to contribute
- With over **130-140** participants, **175,000** steps logged, and more than **\$1,500** raised, the **September** Walk stands as a beautiful reminder of what we can achieve when we walk together for a cause.



SRI JAYANTHI - 20 SEP 25

SRI JAYANTHI - Celebrating the Divine Birth of Sri Krushna

JET MELBOURNE joyfully celebrated Sri Jayanthi, the auspicious birthday of Bhagavan Sri Krishna, on 20 September 2025 at Preston City Hall.

The event brought together devotion, culture, and community spirit, with around 400 devotees joining from across Melbourne to make the celebration truly grand and vibrant.



The evening began with a serene spiritual atmosphere, reflecting the divine essence of Sri Krushna Leela.

A variety of cultural performances added colour and joy to the occasion, including Prajna kids' performances, the traditional **Utti Utsavam**, lively **Kolatam**, and the much-loved **Sri Krushna Special Dress Show** featuring children dressed as Krishna and Gopikas.

The event was graced by **Mr. Nathan Lambert, State MP for Preston and Parliamentary Secretary for Children**, serving as Acting Speaker.

As the Chief Guest, he expressed his admiration for the event and appreciated the JET MELBOURNE's continued contributions to the community through education, service, and cultural enrichment.

He thoroughly enjoyed the Sri Krushna History Exhibition and was pleasantly surprised by the children who prepared the exhibition and greeted them

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A major highlight of the celebration was the sacred offering of “**Chappan Bhog**”—a divine spread of 56 varieties of prasadam, thoughtfully prepared and offered to Sri Krishna. This traditional offering symbolised abundance, gratitude, and the boundless compassion of the Lord.



The spiritual depth of the celebration was further elevated by Smn Sridharji, who delivered an inspiring discourse on the divine birth of Sri Krushna, drawing from the profound teachings of the Srimad Bhagavatam.



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Throughout the celebration, dedicated JET volunteers and supporters played an instrumental role by preparing snacks and meals, organising activities, and facilitating donations to support JET’s community and educational programs.
- This year’s Sri Jayanthi celebration was a memorable gathering—filled with devotion, culture, learning, and unity—reflecting the true essence of Sri Krushna’s teachings and the mission of JET MELBOURNE.
- Devotees who attended the events were thrilled by the Prajna Kids’ impressive **super-memory skills** in chanting the **Sri Vishnu Sahasranamam**, and everyone praised the dedicated efforts of the Prajna teachers. Many devotees also expressed interest in joining Prajna.



SRI KRUSHNA JANMASHTAMI - 14 SEP 25



Krushna Janmashtami was celebrated with great devotion and enthusiasm by the JET Sydney chapter. Young children, beautifully dressed as Krushna and Radha, joyfully participated in the traditional utti breaking ceremony. The event began with a warm welcome for Sri Krushna, accompanied by children entering from outside to the melodious tune of “**Swagatam Krushna.**” Devotees performed Anga Pooja, Krushna Ashtotram, and Vishnu Sahasranamam with deep reverence.



Over 40 varieties of homemade sweets and savories were lovingly offered to Bhagavan as *prasadam*. Most ladies adorned vibrant yellow sarees, adding to the festive spirit, and gathered for a memorable group photo.

This marked the first-ever Janmashtami celebration by the Sydney chapter, held at a devotee's residence with a limited gathering of 70 attendees.

The event concluded with everyone enjoying the divine prasadam, and the team looks forward to hosting a larger celebration next year.



SRI VISHNU SAHASRANAMAM CHANTING - 20 SEP 25

JET Sydney chapter's monthly Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam was hosted by Radha ji and Dantesh Somanchi ji at their Wentworthville residence. The evening began with blissful bhajans, followed by the chanting of Guruparampara, Haryashtakam, Krishna Ashtakam, Lakshmi Ashtotara Stothram and Vishnu Sahasranamam.



- Over 50 devotees attended, including many from North Sydney. The session concluded with Satvik Naivedhyam and Harati, followed by prasadam for all.
- The parayanam was led by our JET Sydney Volunteers.
- JET West & Northwest Parayanam takes place every 3rd Saturday of the month.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- A highlight of the evening was a thoughtful discourse by JET Volunteers who shared insights on the qualities of Ramayana characters and their relevance to daily life.

SRI VISHNU SAHASRANAMAM CHANTING - 27 SEP 25

NAVRATRI SPECIAL

The monthly parayanam was hosted by Smt. Aarchana ji and Shri Kishore ji at their Oran Park home. Devotees chanted Guruparampara, Haryashtakam, Krishna Ashtakam, Lakshmi Ashtotara Stothram and Vishnu Sahasranamam. In celebration of Navaratri, all ladies recited the Mahishasura Mardini Stotram and Hanuman Chalisa, creating a spiritually vibrant atmosphere

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- A special moment was Chi. Dhanya's devotional recitation of Lakshmi Ashtakam, which deeply moved the attendees.
- The parayanam was led by JET Sydney Volunteers.



- Nearly 70 devotees participated, including over 20 young children. The team looks forward to welcoming these young devotees to Prajna classes starting soon.
- The chanting concluded with Govinda Namalu and uplifting bhajans, followed by Satvik Naivedhyam and Harati.
- South West Sydney Parayanam is held every 4th Saturday of the month.



SVT BRAHMOTSAVAM SEVA - 28 SEP 25

JET Sydney chapter actively supported the Sri Venkateswara Temple (SVT) Brahmotsavam by serving breakfast to nearly 250 devotees and lunch to over 800 attendees.

The Thadiyaradana team prepared a variety of delicious offerings with great dedication. For breakfast, upma and chutney were served, followed by chekkara pongal as morning prasadam.

The lunch menu included pulihora, white rice, mango and spinach dal, mixed vegetable gravy, tomato pickle, yoghurt, kosambari, and a delightful selection of sweets—boondi laddu, rava laddu, and milk burfi.

In the evening, kaju patti and sundal were lovingly prepared for the palaki seva. The entire JET Sydney family came together in service for this auspicious celebration, exemplifying unity and devotion. Special thanks to all volunteers who arrived early and contributed to the success of this event. While many deserve recognition, the team humbly acknowledges this as Bhagavad Karyam, performed with sincere hearts and collective spirit.





SPEAKING CONTEST FOR PRAJNA MODULE III STUDENTS - 06 SEP 25

The Prajna Perth – Leeming Centre conducted a Speaking Contest for Module III students on 06/09/2025, as part of the structured learning curriculum. Under the guidance of dedicated Prajna teachers, each student was assigned a topic from the Module III workbook and was evaluated by volunteers on clarity of thought, a logical beginning and conclusion, and the ability to speak confidently for two uninterrupted minutes. The topics covered a rich range of value-based themes, including:

Serve all beings as service to God, Prayers improve our personality, Prayer improves memory, Prayers make us better citizens, Living is the art of loving, Loving is the art of sharing, Sharing is the art of praying, Praying is the art of living, Worship Your Own – Respect All and Lord always protects us

These themes encouraged students to reflect deeply on the principles they learn in Prajna and express them in their own words. Their presentations demonstrated not only understanding of these values but also growing confidence, articulation, and stage presence. All the students performed exceptionally well and received prizes in recognition of their sincere effort and preparation. Parents attended as an enthusiastic audience and expressed heartfelt appreciation for the teachers' dedication and the students' commitment. Many parents shared that such programs should continue regularly, as they significantly enhance the speaking, reasoning, and debating skills of Prajna students. This event once again highlighted Prajna's holistic approach, nurturing knowledge, character, communication skills, and community involvement.

PERTH EVENTS



CREW FOOD PREPARATION - 07 SEP 25

JAF Perth volunteers prepared and served a wholesome, freshly cooked meal for the guests at CREW Rockingham, as part of their regular first Sunday of the month service initiative. More than 150 homeless and vulnerable community members were served with care, compassion, and respect. The volunteers worked together in planning, cooking, and organising the meal to ensure that every guest received nourishing food and warm hospitality.

The organisers at CREW Rockingham expressed their sincere appreciation for the dedication of the JAF volunteers and the quality of the meal, noting both the tasty preparation and the spirit of service behind it. This monthly effort continues to reflect JAF's commitment to supporting the community and uplifting those in need through selfless action

SRI SRINIVASA KALYANAM - 14 SEP 25 & 28 SEP 25



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JAF volunteers conducted the bimonthly Sri Srinivasa Kalyana Uthsavam at devotees' residences on 14/09/2025 and 28/09/2025 (the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month). These home-based Uthsavams created a devotional atmosphere and offered families a beautiful opportunity to host and participate in this sacred ceremony. During the gatherings, JAF Perth volunteers also shared updates on the chapter's ongoing activities and upcoming initiatives, encouraging devotees to take part and support the various events organised by JAF Perth.

The hosts and attendees expressed their appreciation for the volunteers' dedication and the spiritual enrichment these Uthsavams bring to the community which they could not celebrate even in their home country.



SRI SRINIVASA AARADHANA - 20 SEP 25



JAF volunteers conducted the 3rd Saturday Sri Srinivasa Aradhana at Mandala Hall, an event that drew the participation of more than 100 devotees. The Aradhana was performed with deep reverence, creating a spiritually uplifting atmosphere for everyone present. As a mark of their devotion and gratitude, the assembled devotees collectively offered a Silver Satari to the Lord during the ceremony.

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This sacred Satari will now be used in all future events and services of Sri Srinivasa Perumal, symbolising the community's shared faith and their continued support for JAF's spiritual initiatives. The volunteers' dedicated coordination ensured a smooth and meaningful experience, further strengthening the bond between JAF Perth and the wider devotee community.

SRADDHA - 21 SEP 25

The JAF Perth chapter recently hosted "Sraddha," a humble honouring to departed parents through the traditional Vedic process. Around 35 devotees performed Pithru Tharpanam under the guidance of a volunteer priest at Hillview Intercultural Community Centre creating an atmosphere of reverence and gratitude. Participants expressed heartfelt appreciation to JAF for organising this meaningful ceremony, giving an opportunity to offer respects in a systematic guided process which gave them a deep emotional satisfaction and a sense of spiritual gratitude



PRAJNA STUDENTS PERFORMANCE AT PERTH HINDU TEMPLE DURING NAVARATHRI CELEBRATIONS - 26 SEP 25



Students of the Perth Prajna Leeming Centre participated in the Navarathri Celebrations at the Perth Hindu Temple on 26/09/2025. The Prajnites chanted prayers with devotion, creating a serene and uplifting atmosphere for all the assembled devotees.

Their sincere participation was deeply appreciated by the community. The Prajna teachers and coordinators organised the presentation with dedication and discipline, earning appreciation from the temple committee for their efforts

PRAJNA STUDENTS PERFORMANCE AT PERTH BALAMURGAN TEMPLE DURING NAVARATHRI CELEBRATIONS - 30 SEP 25



Students from the Perth Prajna Baldivis Centre participated in the Navarathri Celebrations organised by the Perth Sri Balamurugan Temple, Mandagolup, on 30/09/2025. The students chanted prayers with devotion and were warmly received by the assembled devotees. Events like these provide Prajna students with a valuable opportunity to showcase their learning to the wider community and inspire others to join the Prajna program.

BRISBANE EVENTS



SRI VISHNU SAHASRANAMAM CHANTING - 20 SEP 25

SRI VISHNU SAHASRANAMAM - *monthly chanting*

With the divine blessings of **HH Sri Tridandi Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji**, the new Brisbane Chapter team held its first monthly **Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam**.

Hosted at **Sri Praveen ji & Smt. Swetha ji's** home, the atmosphere was filled with devotion as families from across Brisbane gathered to chant the sacred names of the Lord. The gathering was attended by around 45 devotees from all walks of life.



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- A highlight of the morning was a discourse by Sri Harish Sukumar ji, who shared insights on the spiritual significance of chanting the Holy Names and the transformative impact of Vishnu Sahasranama in daily life. His words deeply resonated with the devotees and added a reflective and uplifting energy to the gathering.
- The Brisbane Chapter aims to continue these monthly Parayanams throughout the year, rotating between devotees' homes to encourage community participation, strengthen spiritual bonds, and spread the divine message across Brisbane and surrounding regions.

ADELAIDE EVENTS



SRI KRUSHNA JANMASHTAMI - 20 SEP 25

For the month of September, JET Adelaide joyfully hosted Sri Krishna Janmashtami celebrations, bringing together over 60 attendees, including many enthusiastic children who added vibrant energy to the festivities.

The event commenced with a mesmerizing Nritya Seva of Saandraananda Ranga, where a troupe of professional dancers beautifully portrayed Srimannarayana Perumal in his natural, true, and complete form. Following this, children showcased their talents through traditional singing and sloka recitations, glorifying Sri Krishna with heartfelt devotion.

The celebration continued with a storytelling session from Prajna Module 1, narrating the Sri Jayanthi story, which captivated the young minds. A lively quiz program followed, where children eagerly participated and won delightful prizes.

A special moment during the event was the announcement of our new Chapter Lead, Sriman Aravind Govardhanam ji, warmly welcomed and encouraged by our local Bhagavad Bandhus.

Looking ahead, JET Adelaide unveiled its roadmap of upcoming events, including:

- Monthly Vishnu Sahasranama Satsanghs
- Flagship public celebrations: Goda Kalyanam, Guru Purnima, Ramanuja Jayanthi, and Krishnastami dedicated local volunteers.

We also reaffirmed our commitment to environmental and community service, with plans to participate in Earth Day, National Tree Day, and Braille Day, supported by our dedicated local volunteers.