



# Principal's News

Term 3 | 2019 Edition 4

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Junior Jimmies Playgroup

9am-10:30am MPC

Learning Walk 10am

(RSVP @ office)

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

R U OK Day

Parent Workshop with Alexa

8:45am-9:45am MPC

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

School Assembly, 8:40am MPC

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Year 5 Family Mass

St Joseph's Parish 6pm

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Grandparent's Day

Dress Up Parade

School Banking Info Session

8am-9am

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Music Spectacular

7pm Civic Centre

## TERM DATES:

### Term 3

Last Day: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept

### Term 4

First Day: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct

PFD: Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct

Last Day: Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear St James Community,

We thank all families for supporting our Father's Day breakfast; it was tremendous to see many Dads (and Mums and Grandparents) celebrating the joy and love of fatherhood with their children. We hope all Dads enjoyed their special day.



Later in Term 3 we have two significant community events; please note these in your family calendar. We are looking forward to sharing the joy of our learning and gathering as a school community.



**Grandparent's Day & Book Week  
Character Dress-up  
Friday September 20<sup>th</sup>  
9am-10:45am**

**2019 Musical Spectacular  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September  
7pm Start  
(Tweed Heads Civic Centre)**





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## R U OK? Day:



R U **OK?** Day is a national day of action, dedicated to inspiring all people of all backgrounds to regularly ask each other 'Are you OK?' At school, our students and staff will be encouraging each other to ask this important question ...are you ok?

## Learning Conversations:

In week 8 & 9 of Term 3, we will hold the Term 3 Parent/Teacher Discussions. These are now called '3-way Conferences', which enables parents, teachers and students to discuss learning and wellbeing goals and grow in their outcomes. It is also a great opportunity for everyone to identify each student's 'glow' moments; the significant achievements in learning that we can all celebrate. As we advance our assessment and reporting agenda, we are continuing to develop strategies that identifies each child's uniqueness and set them on a course for success. To this end, all families will be asked to complete a very quick survey (a few on-line questions) that will give us feedback about these new reporting and assessment strategies.

## Diocesan Athletics:

We congratulate all of the students who represented St James at the Diocesan Athletics; their sports-person-ship and portrayal of our school was tremendous. We especially congratulate Cade Francese and Yohanna Uhlmann, who have successfully prevailed to the next level of competition; we wish them the very best of luck.



## Thermo Raffle Winner:

Our Thermomix raffle was drawn at the Trivia night and the lucky winner was ANNA JOWITT from Currumbin! Thank you to everyone that supported this fundraiser, which enabled our school canteen to purchase a Thermomix, Special thanks goes to Jo Fairall (Josh Y4 and Millie Y1) who coordinated this fantastic initiative.

## 2020 Commencement Dates:

- Please note the following 2020 school start dates;
- Kindergarten Best Start Student-Teacher Interviews: 29<sup>th</sup> January – 4<sup>th</sup> February.
  - Kindergarten First Day: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb.
  - Year 1-6 Mathematics Assessment Interviews (MAI): 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> January.
  - Year 1-6 First Full Day: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

*Kinder Beststart and Year 1-6 MAI assessments are an individual student-teacher appointment that will be organised later in the year; all students are expected to attend their scheduled time.*

## Thumbs up:

Gratitude and thanks are extended to....

- 👍 Our parents who assisted with the Father's Day breakfast;
- 👍 Our wonderful parent volunteers that have started organising our 2020 School Fete.

## To Conclude:

This week I conclude by acknowledging the wonderful work that all students of the school are undertaking currently. I am mostly impressed by the levels of engagement and joy that shines through in each Grade's learning. I continue to encourage families to witness this first hand with me, on a Learning Walk that I lead each Monday morning at 10 am. I also encourage families to ask their child, "what challenged you at school today and what did you learn from it?"



With blessings,

Nic.





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## St James Updates



### FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



Thursday the 12th September is RU OK? Day. This is our national day of action dedicated to reminding everyone to ask, "Are you OK?" and to remember every day of the year to support people who may be struggling with life's ups and downs. There are tremendous resources available for all people who require assistance, and as we all navigate the journey of life, we encourage families to access staff at school or external agencies as needed.

**School Psychologist:**  
**Alexa Giufre (07 5524 9404)**

**Lifeline Australia: 13 11 14**  
**(www.lifeline.org.au)**

**Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800**  
**(www.kidshelpline.com.au/)**



### FROM THE LEADER OF CATHOLIC MISSION

#### St Joseph's Parish Family Mass

On Saturday 14th September, the Year 5 students are presenting a dramatisation of the gospel and song as part of the Family Mass at 6pm. All families are always encouraged to come along and join in this monthly mass catering especially for families.

#### Doyle Centre Grade Masses

It is wonderful to see a significant number of parents / grandparents coming and sitting with their child/ren each week at the Wednesday mass. All are welcome to come along. The following Year groups will be attending this term:  
September 11 - Year 3  
September 18 - Kinder  
September 25 - Year 2

#### Grandparent's Day / Parade

On Friday 20th September, we will be celebrating Grandparent's Day and our annual book parade. We will begin the day with a short liturgy on the basketball court followed by the book character parade.



### FROM THE LEADER OF LEARNING & TEACHING

#### NAPLAN 2019

#### Summary Information

In the coming weeks you will receive your child's NAPLAN report. Please visit the ACARA parent link below to read more.

**acara** AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING AUTHORITY

<http://createsend.com/t/j-7EE7F52B78809AC62540EF23F30FEDED>

#### "Right Place, Right Time"



If you have visited assembly over the past few weeks you would have heard - "Right Place, Right Time." The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) reinforces the strong correlation between school attendance and student achievement, and highlights the importance of forming good attendance habits early, highlighting that 'every day counts'.

<https://www.aitsl.edu.au/research/spotlight-attendance>

## School Prayer

Father, we believe that St James is a great place to learn and have fun.

We pray our school community will see joy in all that we do, encourage each other and show respect for one another. We thank you for the love and care of our families, teachers and friends.

With Jesus in our heart may we always be a Family in Christ.

St James – pray for us.

Mary our Good Mother – pray for us.

And let us always remember – to pray for one another.

Amen.





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## Community News & Events



**TERM 3**  
**FREE PARENT WORKSHOPS**  
8:45am in the MPC  
Fortnightly on Thursdays



**JUNIOR JIMMIES PLAYGROUP**  
All children from ages 0 to school age welcome

**DATE:** Every Monday  
**TIME:** 9am - 10.30am  
**WHERE:** St James MPC

Coffee and Tea provided for the adults

**EPIC KIDS**  
Everything's Possible in Christ

**St Joseph's Parish Kids Group**  
Who: For children aged Kinder to Year 5  
Where: St Joseph's Primary School, Tweed Heads  
When: 3.30pm-5pm last Sunday of the month followed by 5pm Mass

EPIC Kids is a brand new parish youth group for primary school aged children — providing a safe, fun and spiritually nurturing group. Your child can join this warm, welcoming atmosphere that's high on fun and faith. Your child will:

- Meet new friends
- Play fun and active games
- Learn about the Gospel reading for mass
- Engage in Christian art and craft projects
- Be involved in a presentation during the Youth Mass.

EPIC Kids is led by Janita Thomson with a background in teaching and Roxie Murphy, an emergency care nurse. Both youth group leaders have current Working With Children Certificates.

Group size limited to 25. Text or call Janita 0405457999 to register your child/children for our first EPIC Kids on Sunday 25th August.

**DIocese of Lismore Catholic Schools Parent Assembly**  
*Parents in Partnership*

**ONLINE GUARDIANS**

**New Age Parenting**  
**Social Networks and the Online World!**

**CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION WITH NATHAN VERINDER FROM "ONLINE GUARDIANS"**

Nathan has over two decades of experience in the police and has worked side by side with young people for the past decade.

Concerned about your teens safety online?  
Want to know the challenges our young people face?

The session will incorporate the following:

- Social Networks - Addictions, Symptoms and strategies.
- Mental Health - Social networks and the damage.
- The Real Picture - What our kids are actually doing online.
- Challenges - Children are all very different.
- Mobile Phones - When is the right age?
- Online Gaming - How safe is it?
- Teen Culture - Sending Pics.
- The Online Threats - Predators and their trends.
- Headspace - Online Bullying, harassment and isolation.
- Teen conflict - Losing control.
- So, What Now - Ideas, Strategies and tools for parents.
- Questions & Answer Session

**Tools & Strategies to keep your teen safe Online**

Lismore Catholic Schools Parent Assembly - promoting faith and family for fullness of life.  
A FREE WORKSHOP FOR ALL PARENTS/CARERS IN OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

**When:** Wednesday 11th Sept 6.00pm - Light refreshments 6.30pm - Presentation

**Where:** Mt St Patricks College Murwillumbah

**Registration:** Click [HERE](http://bit.ly/2OPM1Ct) or go to <http://bit.ly/2OPM1Ct>

**For more information contact:**  
Parent Assembly Reps  
Catherine Holliday 0405 782 638  
Melissa Toms 0417 406 088  
Phil & Gundi Newland 0411 242 771  
Karen Anderson 0403 279 855

Childcare will be available on the night.  
Please advise when booking.

**NURTURING A GROWTH MINDSET IN OUR CHILDREN**

In this rapidly changing world it's not going to be **WHAT** your child knows that will help them succeed but rather **HOW** they learn and **FEEL ABOUT LEARNING**. A growth mindset is a vital key to success.

Spend an engaging, funny and thought-provoking evening learning how to help your child develop a growth mindset with Dan Haesler, internationally renowned presenter on growth mindset, engagement and wellbeing. This will be one of the most worthwhile presentations you will see.

**Growth Mindset Presentation**  
Monday 16th Sept 6.30pm - 8pm  
at St Joseph's College, Banora Point

Registration [HERE](http://bit.ly/2KvtBA1) or go to <http://bit.ly/2KvtBA1>

**Catholic Schools Parent Assembly**  
*Parents in Partnership*

Child Care Available

**SAINTLY SQUARE CAFE**

Coffee Tea  
Hot Choc  
\$2.50  
Slices \$1

Friday mornings 8.15am to 10.15am.  
Friday afternoons 2pm - 3pm

*Finding God in every season*

**BRISBANE Sisterhood Catholic Women's RETREAT DAY**  
Saturday 21st September 9:30-4pm

St Mary MacKillop Centre  
St Williams Catholic Parish  
67 Dawson Parade, Grovely

For more information call Von 0401815853  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BEHHC>

Hosted by The Sisterhood Movement & The Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia Nashville

**MUSIC SPECTACULAR**

St James Primary Presents  
**MOTOWN**  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

STUDENT ARRIVAL: 6.30PM  
SHOW TIME: 7PM TILL 8.30PM

CIVIC AND CULTURAL CENTRE CNR BRETT STREET AND WHARF STREET, TWEED HEADS  
NEW SOUTH WALES 2485