

Principal's News

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 23rd September

Junior Jimmies Playgroup
9am-10:30am MPC
Learning Walk 10am
(RSVP @ office)

Tuesday 24th September

Music Spectacular
7pm Civic Centre Tweed Heads

Wednesday 25th September

Cupcake Stall @ recess

Thursday 26th September

Year 3 depart for camp

Friday 27th September

School Assembly, 8:40am MPC
Year 3 return from camp
Last day of Term 3

Thursday 17th October

School Disco

TERM DATES:

Term 3

Last Day: Friday 27th Sept

Term 4

First Day: Monday 14th Oct

PFD: Thursday 31st Oct

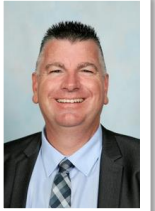
Last Day: Wed 18th Dec



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear St James Community,

Today we celebrated Grandparent's Day & Book Week dress up day. It was tremendous to have many visitors in our school honouring the love and friendship across the generations; it was also wonderful to see the myriad of costumes that were linked to books, which supports students' engagement in reading as a lifelong adventure. We thank all involved in creating this memorable event.



Parents often ponder about the recipe needed to support their children to be kind, and lead a life filled with happiness, health and success. This particular question is put to me often..... here are some thoughts!

1. **Model kindness:** The words you use (even when you think your child isn't listening) should reflect your values; this way they're more likely to live up to your values.
2. **Own your mistakes:** When you get it wrong, own it and apologise; these are great teachable moments.
3. **Nix any negative self-talk:** Illustrate a good relationship with yourself to model confidence and self-respect, which will help children develop their own self-esteem.
4. **Given them your attention:** Human interactions build social competencies; put away the technology and play together.
5. **Broaden their world:** Support your child's stretch towards inclusion.
6. **Talk about empathy:** Identify and talk about times when things aren't right in the world; for example when someone is left out, ask your child how they think this person might be feeling.
7. **Learn about other cultures:** Talk positively about others' views of the world and society and help shape a respectful attitude.
8. **Volunteer together:** Do some hands-on service for others, model this and if you can, do it together!



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PBS Blitz:

We have concluded our current PBS blitz, '**Right Place, Right Time**' that supported students' learning about school attendance and being in class ready to learn after each break bell. As we move on from this learning, we offer this graphic as a reminder on the importance of school attendance!

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school then, **YES, attendance does matter!**

Year 3 Camp:

We wish the Year 3 students all the very best for a safe and fun camp to Camp Goodenough at Bilambil on 26th & 27th September; we look forward to hearing about their adventures of their first overnight school camp experience.

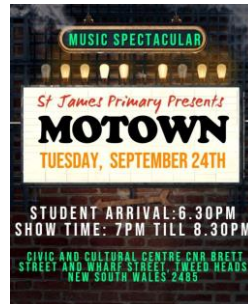
Senior Netball Diocesan Challenge:

We wish our St James netball team all the very best as they represent St James Primary at the Diocesan Netball Challenge in Grafton on September 25th. Having been victors at the Tweed Gala Day, they now have an opportunity to showcase their skills and illustrate great sports-women-ship at this higher level of competition; good luck girls!



Music Spectacular:

On Tuesday 24th September, at the **Tweed Heads Civic Centre** all students will sing dance on stage as they present the story Motown music. This event commences at **7pm**, with doors opening at 6:30pm. (Students' costume requirements are listed in the Grade Letters). We look forward to sharing this fun and vibrant event as we shimmy and shake, jive and bop and laugh and smile up on stage!



Thumbs up:

Gratitude and thanks are extended to....

- 👍 Everyone for asking each other....R U OK?;
- 👍 Students for dressing up in wonderful book character costumes;
- 👍 All Grandparents and visitors who attended Grandparents Day;
- 👍 All families who donated morning tea for the Grandparent's Day and the parents who assisted with the serving of scrumptious food;
- 👍 All students, families and staff for sharing a terrific Term 3.

To conclude:

We have arrived at the end of another busy and successful Term; we acknowledge the spirit of kindness, giving, sharing, support, learning and joy that has been present in our school during our time together. We are particularly proud of our students and all they have achieved.



May God's blessing of peace and joy be with everyone during the holiday break and we look forward to our safe return to school on Monday 14th October.

With blessings,
Nic.



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St James Updates



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

HOW TO BE A WELL BEING

**LIVE SIMPLY.
DREAM BIG.
BE GRATEFUL.
GIVE LOVE.
LAUGH LOTS.**



FROM THE LEADER OF CATHOLIC MISSION

Cupcake day Wednesday

This term the Mini Vinnies team is raising awareness for St Vincent de Paul and Fred's Place. Fred's Place is a drop in centre in Tweed Heads, which offers home and support services for people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

For the past five years, Fred's place has been offering light meals, showers, medical clinics, phone and computer access, support with legal and tenancy issues, and a safe place to have a cuppa and relax. There's nowhere else in the Tweed Shire like Fred's Place, and importantly for their visitors there is no charge for anything.

We have been looking at ways to raise funds for the homeless people in our community and we all agreed that a cupcake day was a great idea! We will be selling cupcakes at recess time in front of the library on Wednesday 25th September, price 50c/\$1 and are guaranteed to be delicious!

We thank you again for your support and generosity.



FROM THE LEADER OF LEARNING & TEACHING

Critical Thinking Skills



Guiding your child's critical thinking process can have a positive impact on his/her problem solving skills. You may find the perfect opportunity in the holiday break to:

- Allow time for playing games
- Pause and wait to allow thinking time
- Don't intervene immediately
- Ask open-ended questions
- Help children develop hypotheses
- Encourage critical thinking in new and different ways

<https://www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources/developing-critical-thinking-skills-in-children>

Thank you to all parents for attending our inaugural 3 Way Conference with your child over the last few weeks. It has been wonderful to hear about the way our students are taking ownership of their learning. We also appreciate those who completed the feedback survey, which will help us to continue to build on this success.

Happy September Holidays!

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

Aboriginal Family Faith Retreat 2019
Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 October 2019

An invitation to a weekend of fun and socialising in the Aboriginal Catholic spirit
ONE MOB, ONE VOICE, ONE SPIRIT

A spiritually enriching opportunity for parents and care givers of children in Parish Schools. All are invited to join together for an exciting time to strengthen family life through our Catholic faith.


This can be the start of a new beginning in a busy and stressful life, and a great opportunity to strengthen and reconnect - to stop and take time out as a family.

Presenter: Helen Hunter

Accommodation and meals are free for all families with children enrolled in Parish Schools in the Diocese of Lismore.

When: 9:00 am, Saturday 26 October to 12:00 pm, Sunday 27 October 2019
Where: Yarrawarra Aboriginal Culture Centre, Corindi Beach.

Register Now via link: https://form.jotform.co/sol_jonform/aboriginal-family-retreat-2019
or contact Doreen Flanders on 0419 986 940 or your school's IEW.



Registrations close 18 October 2019

We hope to see you there!

Strengthening our Aboriginal Catholic Spirituality in everyday life

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 Roxy 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.

Catholic Schools Parent Assembly
Presented by *Angela LOCKWOOD*

Create a calm family life ... and still get everything done!



Feeling overwhelmed? Wish life could slow down? It is possible, and it is easier than you think.

When: Tuesday 22nd October 2019
Time: 6:00pm light refreshments 6:30pm presentation starts
Where: St Joseph's Primary School 3-5 Frances St, Tweed Heads NSW 2485

In this fun, guilt-free workshop you will learn how to take the pressure off yourself and your family by learning simple but effective ways to:

- Identify the distractions that keep life complicated
- Create a calm home environment ... that is still fun
- Establish routines that help life flow smoothly
- Create time to enjoy the people and things you love!

About the presenter
Angela Lockwood is a parent, renowned Occupational Therapist, author of "Switch Off" and "The Power of Conscious Choice", mentor, keynote speaker and regular media commentator. Her insights into working with children and simplifying family life has been shared on Channel 9 Today EXTRA, Good Health magazine, various parenting magazines, Mamania, and is a regular on the Luke and Susie Show.


For more information
Roxy Murphy 0401 790 145
Emma Power 0415 742 069

Register HERE: <http://bit.ly/2lw7eQL> Childcare is available

St James Disco
Thursday 17th October.

Junior Disco Kinder, Year 1 & 2
4.30pm - 5.45pm
Senior Disco Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
6pm - 7.30pm

\$5 Entry. Bands can be pre-purchased by CASH at the school office or on the night. Cost includes drink, lolly bag or chips and a glow stick. Other products can be purchased on the evening. Sign in and out is required.



Family Retreat

2nd and 3rd November or 9th and 10th November
Tyalgum Ridge Retreat, 783 Tyalgum Creek Rd, Tyalgum

Spend a weekend deepening your family's faith, enjoying *beautiful surroundings* and connecting with other friendly families.

The Family Retreat is open to all families with children in Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Lismore. Enjoy some time out from the busy-ness of life to reconnect with God and each other.

- Choose from 2 weekend dates.
- Saturday 10am - Sunday 2pm.
- Engaging programs for all ages from infants to adults.
- Adult Faith Sessions facilitated by experienced retreat leaders Valerie Murphy and Martin and Ann Costigan.
- Powerful and motivating Secondary Sessions led by experienced youth leader, Hogan Rogers from Unleashing Personal Potential.
- Fun outdoor activities to do as a family including flying fox, canoeing and bushwalks.
- All costs covered by Lismore Catholic Schools Parent Assembly.
- To register click [here](http://bit.ly/2kyWRLO) or go to <http://bit.ly/2kyWRLO>

Build your family life on Firm Foundations

For more information contact Parent Assembly Team Members:
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SAINTLY SQUARE CAFE

Coffee Tea
Hot Choc \$2.50
Slices \$1

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

Located at St James Primary Canteen

