

Principal's News

Term 4 | 2019 Edition 1

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 21st October

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

Friday 25th October

Missions Fair – Crazy Sock Day

Sunday 27th October

Youth Mass, St Joseph's Parish 5pm

Monday 28th October

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

Wednesday 30th October

Kinder – Year 2 Camp

Thursday 31st October

Pupil Free Day

Friday 1st November

School Assembly, 8:40am MPC

TERM DATES:

Term 4

Last Day: Wed 18th Dec

Term1 2020

MAI Assessments:

From 29th January

First Day Year 1- Year 6:

Friday 31st January

First Day Kinder:

Wednesday 5th February



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear St James Community,

Welcome to Term 4; I trust that everyone has enjoyed their holiday break and have returned to school refreshed for the final part of the 2019 academic school year.



On October 4th, during the break, our Church celebrated the feast of St Francis of Assisi. Saint Francis of Assisi abandoned a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. Francis was born in 1181 in Italy and after his canonisation, he became the patron saint of animals and the environment. St. Francis' peace prayer reminds us that goodwill, love and harmony are aspirational elements of life that we all need to action.....we pray:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

***O divine Master, grant that I may not
so much seek***

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.



Holiday works:

As is the norm for our school, our maintenance crew continued to work tirelessly in the break to improve the grounds for our children. This time it was the kindergarten adventure playground and the Year 5 classroom that received some care and attention:

- In Kindergarten the pavers under the bus shelter were replaced with concrete. This will provide a safer area for students to wait for buses and gift the kindergarten students with a place where they can play and create artist masterpieces.
- In Year 5 the wall between the 'blue room' and the Year 5 classroom and the glass sliding doors were removed (and I was filled in), which brings this classroom in line with our other flexible learning spaces. In the future different glass doors will be added, which will provide a break out space in this classroom.

We thank our school maintenance team and our builder Wade Maxworthy for their work and ongoing support and improvement of the physical environment of our school.



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Term 4 Dates:

Our time together this Term is 9 weeks and 3 days long and will include the following known events and highlights; please note these on your family calendar:

- October 14th: School returns.
- October 17th: School Disco.
- October 23rd: Kinder 2020 Parent Meeting.
- October 25th: Mission Fair.
- October 30th: Year K-2 camp.
- October 31st: Pupil Free Day.
- November 6th: Kinder 2020 Welcome BBQ.
- November 9th: Year 4 Family Mass.
- November 13th: Kinder 2020 Transition.
- November 20th: Kinder 2020 Transition.
- November 25th-27th: Year 5 Camp.
- November 27th: Kinder 2020 Transition.
- December 2nd-6th: Swimming Program.
- December 3rd: Year 6 Graduation Mass.
- December 4th: Kinder 2020 Transition.
- December 4th: 2020 Orientation Day.
- December 6th: Swimming Carnival.
- December 9th-13th: Swimming Program.
- December 12th: Christmas Carols.
- December 16th: Year 6 Celebration Day.
- December 17th: End of Year Mass.
- December 17th: Year 6 Dinner Dance.
- December 18th: Final Day of Term 4.

2019 Musical Spectacular:

In late Term 3 many parents and friends attended our annual special musical event: The Story of Motown (Musical spectacular). This event was enjoyed by all visitors and it was presented with energy, enthusiasm and joy from all students. I congratulate the kids on their tremendous efforts; seeing all students on stage singing and dancing, with grand smiles was simply....spectacular! I acknowledge the great work of Miss Ryan, Mrs Maxworthy & Mrs Rochester who organized and coordinated the event.



Celebrating our staff:

Every day, our teachers and staff are making a positive difference – creating opportunities for our students, empowering their minds and proudly teaching future leaders, innovators and influencers. World Teachers' Day was in the holidays, so we take this opportunity to celebrate and thank all staff for the important role they play in our community.

I take this opportunity to introduce two new teachers who will be joining our community in 2020:

- Miss Laura Warby: Laura currently teaches Kindergarten at St Joseph's Primary School, Kempsey. Laura will come to us after working in two Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lismore and she will bring to our school rich knowledge & experience of junior school learning and teaching, along with a passion for ICT and parental engagement.
- Mrs Cate Green: Cate currently teaches at Winneleah District School, Tasmania. Many parents will know Cate as the previous Leader of Pedagogy of St James Primary. Cate has many talents in the field of teacher education, including experiences in various states and systems, along with international exposure. Cate brings to our school teaching and learning skills that will enrich our classroom learning communities.

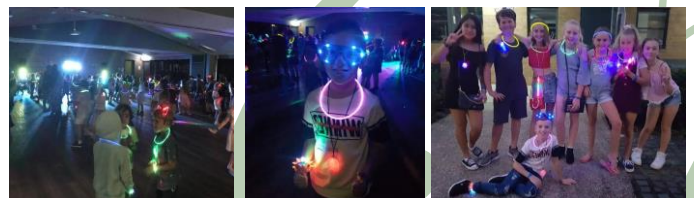
Thumbs up:

Gratitude and thanks are extended to....

- 👍 All students for returning to school with joy-filled and positive attitudes;
- 👍 Parents Reps who donated morning tea for World Teachers' Day;
- 👍 Parents for supporting our School Disco;
- 👍 All involved in the 2019 Music Spectacular.

To Conclude:

It was tremendous to see so many students enjoying the dancing and singing at the recent school disco. Special thanks to Louise Macqueen (Declan Kinder) for coordinating the event and to all parents who assisted to make the afternoon/evening joyous and groovy!



With blessings,
Nic McTaggart.



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St James Updates



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

This week the staff Play As The Way Action Team have been working hard to plan our next steps to implement the Play Is The Way Methodology at St James in 2020.

All classes have begun to play a few games and we are working with students on unpacking and implementing self-regulation strategies.

PLAY IS THE WAY LAUNCH!!!

**Friday 31st January
Years 1-6**

**Join us for the Learning
Community Challenge**

**More details to come next
year!!!**



FROM THE LEADER OF CATHOLIC MISSION

Catholic Mission Month 2019

Pope Francis has chosen the theme 'Baptised and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World'. The Missionary Month of October is an invitation for all to join in and do something extraordinary for mission. At St James, we will be celebrating Catholic Mission within our curriculum, looking closely at how the Church in Ghana is taking a lead in providing life-saving care to children with disabilities and fostering their personal development for a brighter future.

Friday 25th October is Mission Day starting at **9am** with a Liturgy in the MPC, all very welcome. The Mission Fair, organised and run by our Year 6 leaders will begin after recess. This is our major fundraising event and all children are encouraged to bring loose change as they participate in the activities provided. Children wear their sports uniform with **CRAZY SOCKS** - let's 'sock-it to poverty'!



FROM THE LEADER OF LEARNING & TEACHING



You want to help your child develop their literacy and numeracy skills, but working out how can be tricky.

The answer: this website. Access on the link below. Everything here supports the Australian Curriculum for primary school, and is child (and parent) friendly.

Click link:

[Support your child's learning
— at home!](#)

Browse by your child's year level, or search for a topic, and the website will suggest ideas, activities, games and videos you can use to support your child's learning.

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

St Joseph's School South Murwillumbah 50th Anniversary Celebrations!



In 2020 St Joseph's School will celebrate 50 years of catholic education in Murwillumbah. Planning has begun for our celebrations which will centre around the Feast Day of Mary of the Cross from 5 August to 8 August 2020.

We need your photos and memories please!

Due to the loss of some of the school history, particularly photos, in the 2017 flood, we are hoping to get the news out to our ex-students and their families, past staff and parishioners to ask if the school could borrow your photos for scanning and saving as we rebuild our history book.

Photos and newspaper articles may be taken to the St Joseph's School Office or to the Sacred Heart Parish Office for scanning or may be emailed to smurp@lism.catholic.edu.au.

Other memorabilia or stories that you would like to share are also welcome.

More information regarding the celebrations will be available as the time draws closer.

The St. Joseph's community is extremely proud of our school community and looks forward to making this a wonderful celebration.

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: Yarrowarra Aboriginal Culture Centre, Corindi Beach.

Register Now via link: https://form.jotform.co/csol_jotform/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

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 **recreational activities** 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](https://bit.ly/2kyWRL0) or go to <http://bit.ly/2kyWRL0>

**Build your family life on
Firm Foundations**

Catholic Schools
Parent Assembly


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Parent Workshop
Term 4 Week 2

Managing Sibling Dynamics

THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER 19
8:45AM IN THE MPC
TEA & COFFEE PROVIDED
PLEASE BRING A PEN



UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS 2019-2020



2019 – 2020

Located between St James PS and St Joseph's College

EVERY TUESDAY DURING THE SCHOOL TERM

12.00PM – 3.30PM

EVERY THURSDAY DURING THE SCHOOL TERM

8.00AM – 12.00PM

LAST DAY OF TRADE FOR 2019 - SATURDAY ONE DAY ONLY

14TH DECEMBER – 9.00AM – 1.00PM

BACK TO SCHOOL 2020 OPENING HOURS

MONDAY 20TH JANUARY through to FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY

Opening hours – 8.30am – 1.30pm

TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY through to FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY

Opening hours – 8.30am – 1.30pm

AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – MONDAY 27TH JANUARY – SHOP CLOSED

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