

Principal's News

Term 4 | 2019 Edition 2

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 4th November

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

Tuesday 5th November

Year 7 2020 SJC Transition Day

Wednesday 6th November

Kinder 2020 Welcome BBQ 5:30pm

Friday 8th November

School Assembly, 8:40am MPC

Saturday 9th November

Year 4 Family Mass, 6pm
St Joseph's Parish Tweed Heads

Monday 11th November

Remembrance Day
Junior Jimmies Playgroup
9am-10:30am MPC

Wednesday 13th November

Kinder 2020 1st Transition Day

Friday 15th 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,

Recently the Year 6 students organised our annual Mission Fair; an opportunity for us all to share in the joy of building the Common Good and supporting the Dignity of Humanity. This year our focus was on a local/national issue; the ongoing drought that is impacting many areas of our country and our students, like many of us prayed for these communities and for drenching rain.



I congratulate the Year 6 students on their outstanding efforts and thank all other students and their families for supporting this missionary event. As a community we raised **\$1,052** that will be donated to Australian communities in most need.

KINDERGARTEN – YEAR 1 & 2 CAMP:

In our endeavour to support social and emotional learning, all students engage in camps from Kindergarten to Year 6. On October 30th, the Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students participated in their 2019 camp. Activities included fun games at school, a giant water slide and a trip to Sea World for the year 2 students, which was followed by time spent at school, after school! The children thoroughly enjoyed their day and it was tremendous to see their excitement and joy, along with witnessing their growth in independence, resilience and social connectedness.



SCHOOL UNIFORM:

After many months of surveying, discussions and planning a decision about the future of our school uniform will be made very soon; this will be communicated to families via a letter from me. I have requested that Kindergarten 2020 families only purchase the PE/Sport uniform until a final decision is made to avoid probable unrequired purchasing. There is a strong likelihood that the St James uniform will shift from a formal style to a more comfortable and practice style. More information to come soon!



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2020 PLANNING:

Planning is well underway for the 2020 academic year and I have pleasure in announcing our teaching teams for next year:

Hanly Learning Community (Kinder)

Learning Leader: Mrs Cane

Kindergarten Teachers: Mrs Clarke & Miss Warby

Ryland Learning Community (Year 1 & 2)

Learning Leader: Mrs Green

Year 1 Teachers: Mrs Barone & Mrs Vickery

Year 2 Teachers: Mr Cutler & Mrs Daley

Learning Support Teachers: Mrs Sanderson & Mrs Nethery

Polding Learning Community (Year 3 & 4)

Learning Leader: Mrs Pickett

Year 3 Teachers: Mrs Kuhn & Mr Capellari

Year 4 Teachers: Mrs Johns & Mrs Burton

MacKillop Learning Community (Year 5 & 6)

Learning Leader: Mrs Ryan

Year 5 Teachers: Mrs Quinton & Mrs Rabula

Year 6 Teachers: Mrs Fitzhugh & Mr Holmes

Specialist Teachers:

Science & Math support: Mrs Robinson

Technology & Sport coordinator: Mrs Maxworthy

Performing Arts (Music, Dance & Drama): Miss Ryan

Visual Art: Mrs Ricketts

NCCD Coordinator: Mrs Nethery

School Leadership Team:

Leader of Learning (Pedagogy): Mrs Jones

Leader of Student Wellbeing: Mrs Sanderson

Leader of Mission & EMU Teacher: Mrs Malone

Assistant Principal: Mrs Cree

Principal: Mr McTaggart

Each Learning Community will have a teacher/leader in 2020, whose responsibilities will include supporting the learning and teaching of all students in their community, along with fostering wellbeing and school-home/home-school partnerships; these teachers will be "on the floor" teaching for a majority of their time; thus, enhancing student-teacher ratios.

You will notice Mrs Gallagher and Mrs Page are omitted from the announcement above. Mrs Page will give way for Mrs Ricketts' return and Mrs Gallagher has accepted a new teaching position at Mt St Patrick's Primary, Murwillumbah. A time of formal thanks will be offered at our Christmas Carols evening later in the term.

2020 PLANNING: (Continued)

Additionally, you would have read the names of some new teachers; both Mrs Green and Miss Warby were introduced in my Term 4 Edition 1 News, and it is now my pleasure to introduce Mr Lewis Capellari. Lewis is a graduate teacher from SCU, whose commitment and desire to education is excellent. We welcome Lewis to our teaching team.

The next step in our planning is to finalise our 2020 School Improvement Plan, which along with our Curriculum Plan creates the strategic directions for our school. This is nearing completion and I will write a letter outlining key dates and information to everyone soon in relation to this.

KINDERGARTEN 2020 TRANSITION PROGRAM:

The 2020 kinder students and their families will enjoy an evening BBQ / social gathering on Wednesday 6th November from 5:30pm. This will be followed by 3 transition sessions that will support their readiness and transition to school; these occur on November 13th, 20th & 27th (1:15pm-2:45pm.) We look forward to welcoming our new students and their families to our school in the coming weeks.

Also, on Wednesday 4th December all students will 'step up' into their 2020 grades (9am-10:30am) so that they can meet their new teachers and welcome any new students who will be joining us next year.

THUMBS UP:

Gratitude and thanks are extended to....



All involved in the Mission Fair;



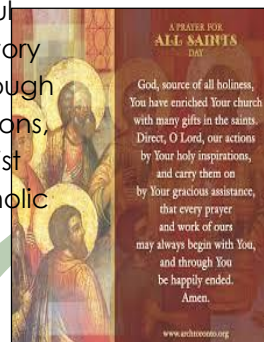
Year K-2 student campers;



Parents for supporting our pupil free day.

TO CONCLUDE:

On Friday 1st November our church celebrates All Saints Day; a day to honour and remember those faithful people who throughout history were witnesses of Christ through their deeds, words and actions, and their faithfulness to Christ and dedication to the Catholic Church and its teachings. With blessings,
Nic.





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St James Updates



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

How can I nurture my child's mental health?

Mental health affects the way people think, feel and act. Taking care of our mental health is just as important as having a healthy body. As a parent, you play an important role in your children's mental health:

You can promote good mental health by the things you say and do, and through the environment you create at home.

You can also learn about the early signs of mental health problems and know where to go for help.

Help children build strong, caring relationships:

- **It's important for children to have strong relationships with family and friends. Spend some time together each night around the dinner table.**
- **Show your children how to solve problems that arise.**



FROM THE LEADER OF CATHOLIC MISSION

Mission's Day

The day started with a whole school liturgy where we acknowledged the struggles and hardship being experienced in rural Australia due to the drought. This was also an opportunity to welcome Fr Wilbur to our parish and especially as the chaplain of St James. Fr Wilbur shared with us, a little bit of his background and we look forward to Fr Wilbur being an active member of our community.



A huge congratulations and thank you to our school community for their generosity during Mission Day on Friday 25th October. Together we raised \$1052. A special thank you goes to Mrs Fitzhugh, Mr Holmes and the year 6 students for their passion and commitment in organising the Missions Fair. A wonderful St James effort!



FROM THE LEADER OF LEARNING & TEACHING



Today, there are 370 million Indigenous people in the world. Indigenous people make up 5 per cent of the world's population whose heritage and contributions past and present are valuable to our world.

A recent learning highlight for me was listening to an address by Indigenous Author Anita Heiss.

Anita encouraged the audience to learn more about the diversity of our Indigenous brothers and sisters by educating yourself to the many voices. Anita's latest book "Growing up Aboriginal in Australia" is a great read for all parents.

<https://www.anitaheiss.com/>

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



Parent Workshop
Term 4 Week 4

Childhood Emotional Concerns & Disorders

THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 19
8:45AM IN THE MPC
TEA & COFFEE PROVIDED
PLEASE BRING A PEN

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/au01_jotform_aboriginal-family-retreat-2019
or contact Doreen Flanders on 0419 986 940 or your school's IEW.



We hope to see you there!

Registrations close 18 October 2019

Strengthening our Aboriginal Catholic Spirituality in everyday life

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 2018 - 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



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Festive Fundraising

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Did you know that bottle caps can be made into mobility devices like prosthetic hands!!

In fact, 1 million caps can be made into 100 hands to help those in need and we need your help to collect them!!

Just bring in your used plastic bottle caps (number 2 recyclable) and drop them in the collection box in the front office.

Initiative by Declan Macqueen - Kinder

Thank you to all Families that supported our Woolworths Earn & Learn fundraiser recently. Our sand play items have been restocked!




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