

Principal's News

Term 4 | 2019 Edition 3

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 18th November

Junior Jimmies Playgroup

9am-10:30am MPC

Learning Walk 10am

(RSVP @ office)

Wednesday 20th November

Year 1 Mass, 9am Doyle Cnt

Kinder 2020 Transition

Friday 22nd November

School Assembly, 8:40am MPC

Monday 25th November

Year 5 Camp Departs

Junior Jimmies Playgroup

9am-10:30am MPC

Wednesday 27th November

Kinder 2020 Transition

Year 5 Camp Returns

Thursday 28th November

Kinder Excursion to The Farm

Friday 29th November

School Assembly, 8:40am MPC

TERM DATES:

Term 4

Last Day: Wed 18th Dec

Term 1 2020

MAI Assessments:

From Wednesday 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,

At school on Monday 11th November, we observed one minute's silence to remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts, and to teach our students that living in harmony and reconciliation is central to world peace. We congratulate our Year 6 leaders for facilitating the gathering in a respectful manner and we affirm all students for displaying outstanding courteousness and reverence.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.*



Recently our Kindergarten 2020 cohort and their families gathered for a social, welcoming BBQ in the Kinder playground. There were approximately 180 adults and children present, who played and explored the physical surrounds, whilst building connections with each other and staff. It was certainly a joy to welcome our 53, 2020 kindergarten class to St James Primary. The next steps in their transition are 3 Wednesday visits, where they will spend time in their learning environment with their parent/s and 2020 Educators.





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Term 4 Sport:

Students are thoroughly enjoying the Term 4 rotational sport activities that are occurring on Friday afternoons; it is tremendous to witness their enthusiasm, joy and persistence as they explore sporting concepts, develop skills and deepen relationships.



Year 5 Camp:

Our Year 5 students will journey to Lake Ainsworth for their camp adventure in Week 7. We hope they enjoy their activities, as they develop greater team work, independence and resilience. We look forward to hearing about their tales of adventure and fun upon their return!

Congratulations:

Recently, St James parents along with two of our students and their family became Australian Citizens; we congratulate Adam and Jessica Kearney and the Wells family and welcome them (officially) to our beautiful country.



Please No Candy Canes:

As the festive season approaches, we encourage students to share the Christmas spirit with their friends by giving and receiving Christmas cards. However, after careful consideration, the decision has been made by staff to not allow the giving and receiving of candy canes at school. Please respect this decision and do not send candy canes to school. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Bottle Cap Initiative – by Declan Macqueen (Kinder):

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 (#2 recyclable) and drop them into the collection box in the front office.



Thumbs Up:

Gratitude and thanks are extended to....



All families and staff involved in our Kinder 2020 welcome BBQ;



Year 6 students for presenting a respectful Remembrance Day service;



All parents and students who have embraced our future uniform vision positively and with excitement.

To Conclude:

On behalf of the St James Primary community I would like to acknowledge the Year 12 Graduating class of 2019, who finished school in the past weeks. Many of these Graduates are alumni of St James, the Kindergarten class of 2007, and their current achievements are a part of the bigger picture of their 13-year journey of Catholic Education. Therefore, we congratulate these students, and especially the alumni of St James and thank all parents who in the early stages of these children's lives chose Catholic Education and our beautiful school.



With blessings,

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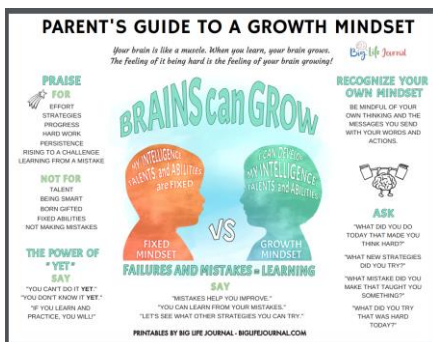
St James Updates



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

BRAINS CAN GROW! The power of Growth Mindset

Your brain is like a muscle.
When you learn, your brain grows.
The feeling of it being hard is the
feeling of your brain growing!
Mistakes help improve.
Learn from your mistakes.



FROM THE LEADER OF CATHOLIC MISSION

Exuro - On Fire

Exuro (Latin for "on fire") is a student discipleship formation program for Year 5 students that will strengthen the Catholic lives of practicing Catholic students. This Retreat is a one-day opportunity to bring students together with like-minded peers, to share and build relationships that strengthen the practice of their Christian faith and to be leaders in building strong Catholic school communities. The activities are a mixture of large and small sharing groups as well as celebrating a Liturgy together. The program has been developed to meet the needs of Year 5 students from each of the regional catholic primary schools. On Tuesday October 29, 2019 twelve Year 5 students represented St James at this special student discipleship event organised and run by the Catholic Schools Office Lismore.



FROM THE LEADER OF LEARNING & TEACHING

Glow...  ...and Grow 

Across our school it is wonderful to observe the ways in which our students are glowing and growing in their learning.

UNSW Global ICAS

Congratulations to all participants and the following students who were awarded the following results

Spelling Bee

High Distinction (top 1% of participants)

Ajay Arun (Y3)

Distinction (next 10% of participants)

Cooper Buchanan (Y3), Finley Harman (Y5)

Credit (the next 25% of participants)

Chayse Kleinhans (Y3)

Merit (the next 10% of participants)

Hailey Pickett (Y4), Zeke Zimmerle (Y6)

Digital Technologies

Distinction (next 10 % of participants)

Year 6 – Jack French

Credit (next 25% of participants)

Chayse Kleinhans & Ajay Arun (Y3)

Hailey Pickett (Y4)

Science

Distinction (next 10 % of participants)

Year 6 – Jack French

Credit (next 25% of participants)

Chayse Kleinhans, Reign Walle, Lillia Abbey (Y3)

Hailey Pickett (Y4), Zeke Zimmerle (Y6)

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

Homestyle BAKE
Country Goodness, Naturally

SAVE TIME & MONEY
YOUR MEALS AND TREATS ARE A ONE STOP SHOP!

DON'T MISS OUT!
ORDER NOW!

Festive Fundraising

Orders Due 18th November



On line orders due by 22nd November

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are holding a brain storming session for our school fete on Tuesday 19th November 2019 in the MPC @ 3.15pm. Would love to see you there.

St James Primary Fete

School banking @ St James

Every Thursday

By banking, the children gain rewards and so does the school. Students wishing to open an account will need a valid Birth Certificate.

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