



# Principal's News

Term 4 | 2019 Edition 4

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Junior Jimmies Playgroup  
9am-10:30am MPC  
Intensive Swimming Begins

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Year 6 Graduation Mass  
6pm St Joseph's Church

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Final Kinder Transition  
Step-Up Orientation for all Grades

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Swimming Carnival Y2-Y6  
NO ASSEMBLY TODAY

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Junior Jimmies Playgroup

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

Christmas Carols 6pm

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

School Assembly, 8:40am MPC  
Muffi / Award Day

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Year 6 Celebration Day

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

End of Year Mass – Whole School  
11:30am-12:30pm  
Please note: office will be closed

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Last Day of 2019  
School Assembly, 9:00am MPC

## 2020 TERM DATES:

### Term 1 2020

#### MAI Assessments:

From Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January

#### First Day Year 1- Year 6:

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January

#### First Day Kinder:

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Last Day: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear St James Community,

Our Year 6 students will Graduate from Primary School on Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>; we extend heartfelt congratulations to them on this significant occasion. During their 7-year Primary School journey they have lived, learned and grown in God's love and have shared many special moments that they will cherish.

*We pray that the road rises up to meet them,  
that the wind will always be at their back,  
that the sun shines warm upon their face,  
that the rains will fall soft upon their fields  
and that until we meet again,  
that God holds them in the palm of His hand.  
Amen.*



Noah Aleman, Travis Aussieker, Jaimee Canellis, Ella Cave, Lily Clark, Olivia Fleming, Jack French, Olivia Gibson, Ryan Gilmore, Jasmine Hunter, Summer Huybens, Samara Jackson, Zac Johnson, Jessica Kearney, Annabel Kermode, Irish Kerr, Sierra Knight, Bailey Le Brese, Summer Levy, Winny Lloyd, Austin Lynch, Beau Mason, Hannah McCormack, Sierra McDonald, Lucy McTaggart, Matthew Mellor, Angela Menzie, Charlize Merrin, Caiden Miller, Madalyn Mumby, Ketynah Philip, Scarlett Reid, Amelia Roche, Beau Shearer, Eloise Smith, Jayde Stacey-Carr, Sage Stephens, Hannah Sumners, Mikalah Teale, Frankie Thomas, Jacob Thomas, Sebastian Thomson, Fallon Twindley, Ulani Uhlmann, Eden Velegrinis, Jasmyne Wells, Ava Woodward and Zeke Zimmerle.



**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**TODAY IS YOUR DAY.**  
**YOU'RE OFF TO**  
**GREAT PLACES!**  
**YOU'RE OFF AND AWAY!**

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## Step-up Day:

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December all students will enjoy a session with their 2020 educators and peers (9am-10:30am). Mrs Green, Mr Capellari and Miss Warby our newest teachers and our new Year K-6 students will visit our school on this day; we look forward to welcoming all of them to our 'Family in Christ.'

## Kindergarten 2020:

December 4<sup>th</sup> is the final transition for our 2020 Kindergarten students and their families. On this occasion, they will meet their Year 6 buddies and receive a special blessing prayer from them. We congratulate all involved in the 4 transition sessions and we look forward to welcoming our newest students to St James Primary on their first day of school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February.



## Swimming Carnival:

Students in Year 2-6 will participate in our annual swimming carnival on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, at the same time our K-1 Students will enjoy a 'Water Carnival' at school. We look forward to sharing a safe and joyful day of water activities as we cheer on the teams and learn more about being safe in and around water.

## Term 4 Final Dates:

As we enter the final weeks of school for 2019, please take note of these important events/dates:

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:
- Year 6 Graduation Mass (6pm);
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December:
- Swimming Carnival (all day);
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December:
- Christmas Concert (6:00pm);
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Whole school reward day (Gems in the Jar) – Mufti day & pool visit (please see CareMonkey eform for more details)
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December:
- Year 6 Wet n' Wild Day (10am-5pm);
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: End of Year Mass/Yr 6 Awards presentation (11:30am);
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:
- Year 6 Dinner Dance (6pm);
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December:
- End of Year Assembly (9am);
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December:
- Final Day of Term 4 & 2019 School Year (3pm).

Please note that on December 13<sup>th</sup> all students will receive their whole school reward for their efforts; this will include Mufti dress and a visit to the pool.

## Year 5 Camp:

The students in Year 5 attended camp at Lake Ainsworth in Week 7; this excursion revolved around outdoor recreation where the children explored team building and physical activities, along with developing their leadership capabilities. It was wonderful to hear of the fun they had and the skills they gained – well done kids!



## Thumbs up:

Gratitude and thanks are extended to....

- 👍 Everyone involved in our 2019 Kindergarten transition program;
- 👍 All students for their wonderful engagement with our Term 4 sport program;
- 👍 Mrs Maxworthy for her thorough organisation with our Term 4 sport program.

## To Conclude:

On Sunday, we commence the season of Advent; this important period in the Church's calendar is a time for waiting in joyful hope for the birth of Jesus into our hearts.



A special part of our Advent journey is encouraging our students to donate non-perishable items to our Christmas Hampers that will be gifted to others. In this way, we are supporting the human dignity of those in our community who need extra care and compassion, along with being the heart and hands of Christ in the world at Christmas. We thank everyone in advance for their kindness and generosity.

*Come into our hearts Lord Jesus!*

With blessings,

Nic.



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## St James Updates



### FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

#### HOW TO ENCOURAGE OUR CHILDREN TO BE GENEROUS...?



1. Do it yourself – Children will watch and copy what you do.
2. Talk about it – Point out when others are generous, and explain how God is generous with us, and therefore, we should be generous with others.
3. Encourage it – Look for opportunities to help your children practice being generous and doing things for others.



Remember this Christmas season to....  
" Be Thankful, Relax, Allow mess,  
Spend quality time with loved ones  
and **Breathe** "



### FROM THE LEADER OF CATHOLIC MISSION

#### Year 6 Graduation Mass

The St Joseph's Parish of Tweed Heads schools of St James and St Joseph's primary will join together on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 6pm to celebrate the graduation of the Year 6 students. The Year 5 students from both schools are encouraged to come along and be the choir as a sign of the leadership they will take on in 2020, displaying school spirit and commitment to our service to others. We congratulate all Year 6 students and their families on their graduation and recognise the significant contribution they have made to the St James school community. May God bless you and continue to be with you on the next phase of your life journey.

#### Advent and Christmas

Advent is the four weeks before Christmas. It is a time of joyful preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth as our Savior.

An advent calendar may help to remind you to do something each day to share the meaning of the season. A beautiful resource for families is available on

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgicalyear/advent/calendars/childrens-advent-calendar>



### FROM THE LEADER OF LEARNING & TEACHING

#### UNSW Global ICAS Results

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

**Science** (apologies for previous omission)

Distinction

Year 3 – Ajay Arun

**English**

Distinction

Year 3 – Ajay Arun, Sienna Brett

Credit

Year 3 – Chayse Kleinhans, Cooper

Buchanan, Lillia Abbey

Year 4 – Hailey Pickett

Merit

Year 6 – Zeke Zimmerle

**Mathematics**

Distinction

Year 3 – Ajay Arun, Lillia Abbey

Credit

Year 3 – David Conallin, Cooper Buchanan,

Chayse Kleinhans

Year 4 – Hailey Pickett

Year 6 – Jack French

Merit

Year 5 – Finley Harman

Year 6 – Noah Aleman

**Writing**

Distinction

Year 3 – Reign Walle, Cooper Buchanan,

Ajay Arun

Credit

Year 3 – Sienna Brett

Year 4 – Hailey Pickett

Merit

Year 3 – Lillia Abbey

## 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

**School banking @ St James**

**TAMMY FROM CBA WILL BE AT SCHOOL FRIDAY 20TH SEPT @ 8AM WITH INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOOL BANKING!**

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

**CHRISTMAS MASS AND RECONCILIATION TIMES**

**Masses for Christmas – St Joseph's**  
Christmas Eve: Vigil 6pm, 8.00pm  
(Please note: there is **NO Midnight Mass**)  
Christmas Day: 8.00am

**St Camillus Bilambil**  
9.00am Christmas Day & Sundays

**Sacrament of Penance**  
Monday 16th December 9.40 – 10.00am  
Tuesday 17th December 9.40 – 10.00am

Please Note: Wednesday 18th December to be held  
At St Josephs College 9.40 – 10.00am

Thursday 19th December 9.40 – 10.00am  
Friday 20th December 9.40 – 10.00am  
Service of Forgiveness 7pm  
Saturday 23rd December 9.30 – 10.00am  
and 4.30 – 5.30pm

### Final Parent Workshop

Thursday 05/12/19  
8.45am in the MPC  
Tea & coffee provided

TOPIC: SELF-CARE FOR CHILDREN

Facilitated by school psychologist Alexa Griffin



## Congratulations!

**Huge congratulations to Year 3 student Chayse Kleinhans**

**Gold Coast Airport Name the Crane winner**

Chayse's entry was selected from 300 entries received from schools across the Gold Coast and Tweed. His entry was chosen for its creativity, explanation of name choice and colouring-in skills. As part of his prize, Chayse's entry will be blown up and displayed on site, and St James Primary will receive \$1000 worth of children's books for your library.

**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**