

# Principal's News

Term 3 | 2019 Edition 3

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August

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

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August

Parent Workshop with Alexa  
8:45am-9:45am MPC

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August

Father's Day Bfast 7:30am  
School Assembly, 8:40am MPC

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Year 5 Family Mass  
St Joseph's Parish 6pm

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Grandparent's Day / Dress Up  
Parade

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Music Spectacular, 7pm Civic Cnt

## TERM DATES:

### Term 3

Last Day: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept

### Term 4

First Day: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct

**PFD: Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct**

Last Day: Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear St James Community,

On Friday August 30<sup>th</sup>, all families are invited to attend our community Father's Day Breakfast (7:30am-8:30am) where we will show our appreciation for fathers and father figures. We hope to have many families attend this special event.



During the Catholic 'Rite of Baptism' we pray a special prayer for the child's father, which blesses the Father and helps them to continue their loving and holy vocation for their children.

### Baptismal Prayer for Fathers

*God is the giver of all life, human and divine. May he bless the father of this child. He and his wife will be the first teachers of their child in the ways of faith. May they be also the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Amen.*

We wish all Fathers a very happy Father's Day!

## Book Week/Book Fair:

Recently we held a Book Fair to celebrate Book Week (our Dress-up day is September 20<sup>th</sup>); we thank Mrs Anderson and the many families who helped make this event a success, which promotes reading and a life-long enjoyment of literature.



## Pupil Free Day & Parent Information Session – Play is the Way!

We sincerely thank all families for supporting our staffs' professional learning recently; our Play is the Way day was a great success for our staff, along with the parents who were able to attend the parent information session. Together we will build our students' wellbeing and co-create an environment that develops resilience, optimism and joy, through play!



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## Sporting News:

### Athletics

Congratulations to all students who attended the zone athletics on August 9<sup>th</sup>. All students represented St James with pride and great sports-person-ship. We especially congratulate Cade Francese who was joint age champion on the day. Good luck to Cade along with Thomas Mellor, Cooper Buchanan, Yohanna Uhlmann, Luca Boan, Piper Hayden, Hailey Pickett, Ava Wellings, Enrico Ximenes, Dylan Abernethy, Molly Benjamin, Campbell Hopwood, Fallon Twindley, Jasmyne Wells and Ava Woodward, who have all qualified for the Diocesan event to be held in Lismore on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.



### Netball

Congratulations to our Year 6 netball team who journeyed to Casino on August 13<sup>th</sup> to play in the Far North Coast Netball Cup. The girls represented our school with enthusiasm and great sports-women-ship.



## School Uniform Update

Last week school leadership personnel met with Dorelle Bot, the area manager of Lowes who supplies our school uniform. This was the second meeting between Lowes and the school, after we completed the parent uniform survey. These meetings have been productive in providing us with ideas and concepts. More information will be provided soon regarding future directions for the St James School Uniform.



## School Trivia Evening:

On August 17<sup>th</sup> we held our annual Trivia evening for our parent and wider community. The evening was very successful with over 150 parents and friends in attendance. We sincerely thank parent leaders Katrina Renwick and Jo Fairall, along with the parent helpers for organising and coordinating such a fun and social parent event. We raised \$2,305.80; well done. This will be used to help fund our new play equipment.



## Save the Dates:

We have two extra-special events planned for the later part of Term 3; please note these in your family diary:

- **Grandparent's Day/Dress-up Parade**  
Friday Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 9am-11am
- **2019 Music Spectacular**  
Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 7pm (Tweed Heads Civic Centre)

## Thumbs up:

Gratitude and thanks are extended to....

- 👍 All families for supporting our Pupil Free Day;
- 👍 Katrina Renwick & Jo Fairall, and the parent helpers for their support with the Trivia evening;
- 👍 Our parent helpers Carla Lucas, Marie Zimmerle, Shellie Bennett & Jayne Bishop who assisted with the Zone Athletics canteen;
- 👍 Students for working towards being at the right place at the right time.

## To conclude

This week we reflect upon a 'father of the Church', St Augustine of Hippo. St Augustine was an early Christian theologian whose writings influenced the development of the Western Church, and indirectly all of Christianity. Our Church celebrates his feast on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

With blessings,  
Nic.





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## St James Updates



### FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

#### PLAY IS THE WAY

What great fun and learning the staff had on 14th August at our Play Is The Way Professional Learning Day. The day was engaging, confronting, humorous and challenging. We are forming a staff action team to tailor the process of implementation to our students.

A big thanks to all the parents who were able to come on the night. It was wonderful to hear the laughter in the room and watch the wonderful engagement and participation of all parents.



### FROM THE LEADER OF CATHOLIC MISSION

Recently, a number of stage 3 students attended an Art Enrichment Incursion. David Ogg provided students with a variety of art techniques incorporating scripture into his storytelling. A few of the comments shared by students were: "I leave here knowing that all artworks tell a story. There is no right or wrong in art." Ben J

"I leave feeling happy and ready to try out the things we have learnt." Noah

"For me, the best thing about today was everything! My absolute favourite was the ink painting." Zac  
"I leave believing that I can grow and be better at art from all the things that I learnt today." Eloise  
"More kids should do this to inspire them." Cleo

**Accendere - Year 4 Student Discipleship** A group of Year 4 students have attended a Student Discipleship initiative in Murwillumbah. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to express their understanding of God in their life and in the people around them. We look forward to continuing this journey into Exuro and Incitare in Years 5 and 6.



### FROM THE LEADER OF LEARNING & TEACHING

Glow...



...and Grow

Wilson McCaskill (Founder/Director of Play is the Way) in our staff professional development recently highlighted that the requirement for work, effort and application remain as much a necessity for learning as they have always been. Putting effort into the achievement of learning goals is one way that we are encouraging our students to be self-motivated learners. "So, would it help to ask children to go to school prepared to have fun working hard?" (McCaskill, 2019). I think so! Children will feel good when they know how they achieved their goals and more so if they employed effort in the challenge. This week you will receive information about up and coming 3 Way Conferences. This next step supports our mission to educate for the Fullness of Life and our vision to enable our students to be independent, self-managing, self-motivated learners in persistent pursuit of their personal best.

## 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



Workshop dates:

01/08/19  
15/08/19  
29/08/19  
12/09/19

**TERM 3**  
**FREE PARENT WORKSHOPS**  
8:45am in the MPC  
Fortnightly on Thursdays

Tea and coffee provided



Facilitated by School Psychologist  
Alexa Giufre



**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.

**FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST**

World's Greatest

Rise and Shine for our Father's Day Breakfast @ St James.  
Egg & Bacon Roll for the Dad's and Mum's.  
Sausage sizzle for the children.

Friday the 30th August @ 7.30am.



**FATHER'S DAY STALL**  
Thursday 29th August

\$5 per gift  
Thursday 29th August.

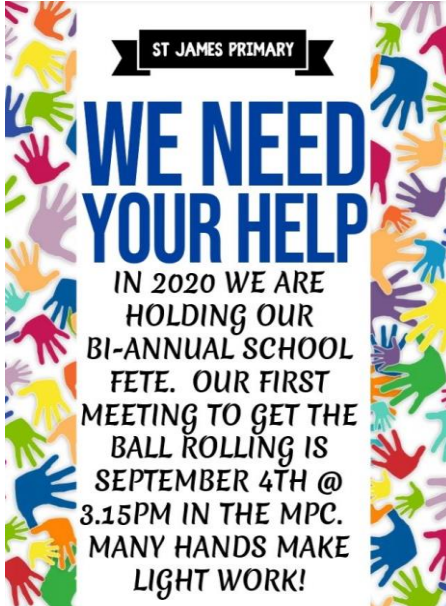
Correct money to be handed in at the office in an envelope with your child's name and year level, by Tuesday 27th August. Gifts will be on sale from 9am via each Year level.



**ST JAMES PRIMARY**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP**

IN 2020 WE ARE HOLDING OUR BI-ANNUAL SCHOOL FETE. OUR FIRST MEETING TO GET THE BALL ROLLING IS SEPTEMBER 4TH @ 3.15PM IN THE MPC. MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!



**DIocese of Lismore Catholic Schools Parent Assembly**  
Parents in Partnership

**ONLINE GUARDIANS**

**New Age Parenting**  
Social Networks and the Online World!

**CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION WITH NATHAN VERINDER FROM "ONLINE GUARDIANS"**

Nathan has over two decades of experience in the police and has worked side by side with young people for the past decade.

Concerned about your teens safety online?  
Want to know the challenges our young people face?

The session will incorporate the following:

- Social Networks - Addictions, Symptoms and strategies.
- Mental Health - Social networks and the damage.
- The Real Picture - What our kids are actually doing online.
- Challenges - Children are all very different.
- Mobile Phones - When is the right age?
- Online Gaming - How safe is it?
- Teen Culture - Sending Pics.
- The Online Threat - Predators and their trends.
- HeadSpace - Online Bullying, Harassment and isolation.
- Teen conflict - Losing control.
- So, What Now - Ideas, Strategies and tools for parents.
- Questions & Answer Session

Tools & Strategies to keep your teen safe Online

Lismore Catholic Schools Parent Assembly - promoting faith and family for fullness of life.  
A FREE WORKSHOP FOR ALL PARENTS/CARERS IN OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

When: Wednesday 11th Sept 6.00pm - Light refreshments 6.30pm - Presentation

Where: Mt St Patricks College Murwillumbah

Registration: Click [HERE](http://bit.ly/2OPM1Ct) or go to <http://bit.ly/2OPM1Ct>

For more information contact: Parent Assembly Reps Catherine Holliday 0405 782 638 Melissa Toms 0417 406 088 Phil & Gundi Newland 0411 242 771 Karen Anderson 0403 279 855

Childcare will be available on the night. Please advise when booking.

**NURTURING A GROWTH MINDSET IN OUR CHILDREN**


In this rapidly changing world it's not going to be **WHAT** your child knows that will help them succeed but rather **HOW** they learn and **FEEL ABOUT LEARNING**. A growth mindset is a vital key to success.

Spend an engaging, funny and thought-provoking evening learning how to help your child develop a growth mindset with Dan Haesler, internationally renowned presenter on growth mindset, engagement and wellbeing. This will be one of the most worthwhile presentations you will see.


**Growth Mindset Presentation**  
Monday 16th Sept 6.30pm - 8pm  
at St Joseph's College, Banora Point

Registration [HERE](http://bit.ly/2KvtBA1) or go to <http://bit.ly/2KvtBA1>

Child Care Available



**SAINTLY SQUARE CAFE**



Coffee Tea  
Hot Choc  
\$2.50  
Slices \$1

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