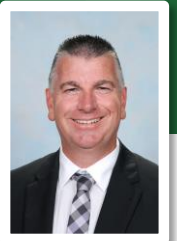


Principal's News

Term 3 | 2020 Edition 3



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IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 24th – Fri 28th August
Book Week Fair

Thursday 3rd September
Father's Day Stall

Friday 4th September
Guernsey Day

Mon 7th – Tues 8th September
First Holy Communion

2020 TERM DATES

Term 3 2020

Last Day: Fri 25th September

Term 4 2020

First Day: Mon 12th October
Last Day: Wed 16th December



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear St James Community,

To celebrate Book Week, we had our dress-up day on Friday 21st August and it was wonderful to see the myriad of costumes that were linked to literature, which supports students' engagement in reading as a lifelong adventure. We especially thank our parents for providing the children's costumes; enjoy sharing the photographs below and those on See-Saw with your children.



St James will also be hosting a Book Fair from Monday 24th to Friday 28th August in our Library (LRC); we thank Mrs Anderson for organising this event and our staff who will help make it a success for our students. Books and other literacy items will be available to purchase by students before school, recess and lunch.





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COVID-19 Latest Update:

Please see below guidelines to help support the wellbeing of all and the occupational health and safety of our teachers, students and staff. I thank everyone in advance for supporting these arrangements.

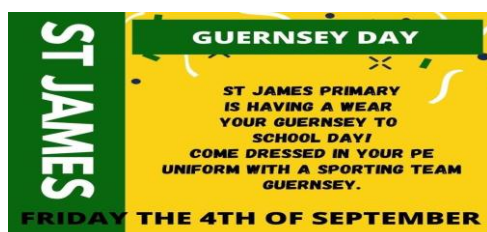
- Only students may enter past the school gates;
- Up to only 5 adults may be in the school office at any time (including staff);
- School gates will be opened at 3pm for students to depart, parents to wait outside;
- If parents need to contact teachers we require this to be done in writing via email to bpp@lism.catholic.edu.au or phone 07 5524 9404;
- I will be at the gate each morning to support families and enhance communication;
- Use car drop-off/pick up zone if possible;
- Adults to practice social distancing at all times;
- Whole school assemblies suspended;
- Playgroup, Choir & Music Spectacular suspended;
- Field trip experiences in lieu of camp for Yr4 & Yr 6 postponed to hopefully Term 4;
- Students and staff with flu-like symptoms are to remain at home, seek medical advice and return only when symptoms are resolved;
- Regular hand washing / sanitisers to be used;
- Additional and ongoing daily cleaning of school facilities and surfaces.

Father's Day stall and Guernsey Day:

- A Father's Day stall will be held on September 3rd for students to purchase a special gift for Dad.



- Students may wear a special sporting Guernsey with their sport uniform on Friday September 4th, to raise awareness of kids who are fighting cancer.



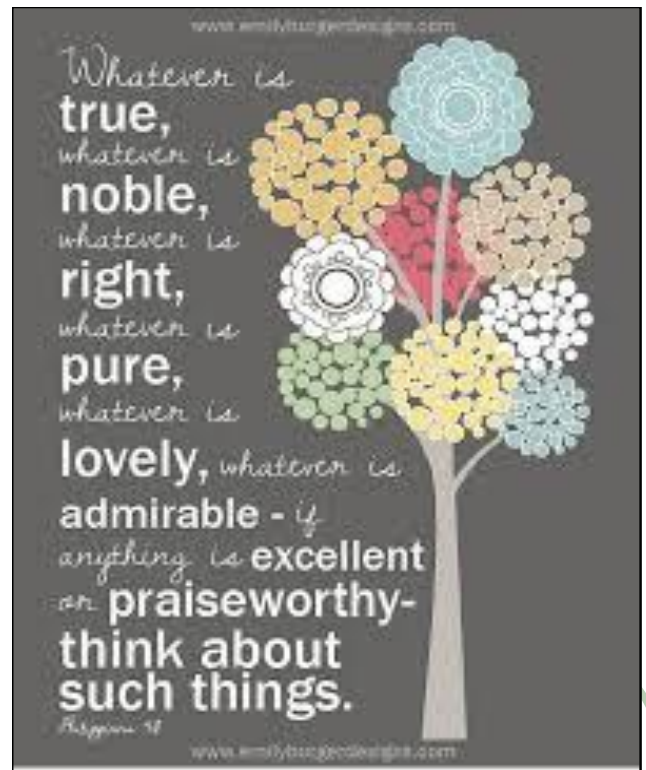
Thumbs up:

Gratitude and thanks are extended to....

- 👍 Students for wearing their PJs to school and gifting many products to the homeless in our community;
- 👍 Families for supporting our Dress-up day;
- 👍 Parents for limiting the parent traffic in the school grounds.

To conclude:

On August 28th our Church celebrates the feast of St Augustine of Hippo, a 'father of the Church'. St Augustine was an early Christian theologian and philosopher whose writings influenced the development of the Catholic Church. St Augustine encouraged people of his time to "take up and read" the Word of God; something we all can continue to do today. I close off this newsletter by sharing with you one of my favourite pieces of scripture.....



Regards,

Nic.



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Community News & Events

ST JAMES

GUERNSEY DAY
ST JAMES PRIMARY
IS HAVING A WEAR
YOUR GUERNSEY TO
SCHOOL DAY!
COME DRESSED IN YOUR PE
UNIFORM WITH A SPORTING TEAM
GUERNSEY.
FRIDAY THE 4TH OF SEPTEMBER

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

ST JAMES FATHER'S DAY STALL
THURSDAY 3RD OF SEPTEMBER

\$5 PER GIFT

CORRECT MONEY TO BE HANDED
INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE IN AN
ENVELOPE WITH
CHILD'S NAME AND GRADE
BY 31ST OF AUGUST.



Dear Parents,

During Term 3 on Wednesday, 9 September, 2020, Nicholas McTaggart will be involved in a principal appraisal process as part of his contract of employment. The appraisal process seeks information from a variety of people associated with the parish school and uses a number of tools to ensure effective consultation. The process aims to highlight the positive aspects of the leadership offered and identify areas for further development.

A timeline is currently being arranged to suit the needs of the parish school community. The appraisal will be conducted by a School Service Consultant from the Catholic Schools Office.

The full principal appraisal process involves:

- a survey and self-appraisal statement completed by the principal
- an interview with the principal
- input as arranged with the parish priest
- surveys of parents, parish school staff and Catholic Schools Office personnel
- interviews with the Schools Leadership Team
- interviews with a random selection of staff who request an interview with the Chair
- interviews with a random selection of parents who request an interview with the Chair

The preferred method of survey completion is by the online survey form. A link to this form will be forwarded to your email address. Please ensure your current email address is registered at the school as this survey link will be sent to you two to three weeks prior to the appraisal. Parents may express their interest to be interviewed via this electronic form. Not all those who express an interest to be interviewed will be contacted. If not contacted, then parents may wish to email the Chair with their comments. Anonymous comments and emails will not be considered.

In writing the appraisal report, the Chair makes use of the information gathered but does not identify sources. The principal does not sight the original returns. Every family in the school is encouraged to complete a survey.

Your support of the appraisal process is appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
Jenny Trigone
Chair

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5th August, 2020

Dear Parents,

During Term 3 on September 3rd, Rhonda Cree will be involved in an assistant principal appraisal process as part of her contract conditions with the Catholic Schools Office.

The appraisal process seeks information from a variety of people associated with the parish school. The process aims to highlight the positive aspects of the assistant principal's performance and identify areas for further development.

A timeline will be constructed to suit the needs of the parish school community. A panel consisting of the school Principal as Chair, a School Service Consultant and a staff member from Human Services at the Catholic Schools Office will conduct the appraisal.

The full assistant principal appraisal process involves:

- a survey and self-appraisal statement completed by the assistant principal
- surveys of parish school staff, Catholic Schools Office personnel
- an interview with the principal
- input as arranged with the parish priest
- interviews with parish school staff
- interviews with any parents who wish to present
- a formal interview with the assistant principal by the panel

Any parents who wish to make contact with the panel are welcome to do so by contacting the Principal before the appraisal date.

Thank you for your support of the parish school's administration team.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Nicholas McTaggart
Principal

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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.