

# Principal's News

Term 4 | 2020 Edition 1



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## 2020 TERM DATES

### Term 4 2020

First Day: Mon 12<sup>th</sup> October  
Last Day: Wed 16<sup>th</sup> December

### Pupil Free Days

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

## 2021 TERM DATES

### Term 1 2021

Kinder Best Start 1hr Interviews:  
(bookings to be made via Operoo)  
From Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Jan to Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb

**Kinder First Day: Thu 4<sup>th</sup> February**

Y1-Y6 MAI ½ hr Interviews between:  
(bookings to be made via Operoo)

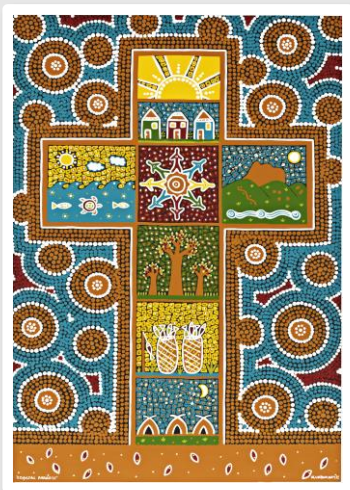
Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Jan – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> January

**Y1-Y6 First Day: Mon 1<sup>st</sup> February**

**Last Day: Thu 1<sup>st</sup> April**

### Term 2 2021

First Day: Mon 19<sup>th</sup> April  
Last Day: Fri 25<sup>th</sup> June



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear St James Community,  
Welcome to Term 4; I trust that everyone has enjoyed their holiday break and have returned to school refreshed for the final part of the 2020 academic school year.

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, during the break, our Church celebrated the feast of St Francis of Assisi. Saint Francis of Assisi abandoned a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. Francis was born in 1181 in Italy and after his canonisation, he became the patron saint of animals and the environment. St. Francis' peace prayer reminds us that goodwill, love and harmony are aspirational elements of life that we all need to action.....we pray:

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much  
seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Amen.*



## Term 4 Guidelines:

Last week guidelines relating to COVID-19 restrictions for Term 4 were provided to families. In anticipation I thank families, students and staff for supporting us as we maintain appropriate health standards and approaches. Guideline highlights are:

- Only students may enter past the school gates, unless parents have an urgent reason to enter the school grounds (upon Principal approval);
- Up to only 5 adults may be in the school office at any time;
- The school gates will be unlocked at 3pm at the end of the day for students to depart, therefore parents will be required to wait outside the school gates;

Please note that Yr 6 Graduation and Kindergarten 2021 Transition may occur in Term 4 according to the COVID-19 guidelines. Thankfully, 2021 Kinder Parents will be able to attend school on a limited basis to share this important experience with their child. Information and arrangements relating to the Yr 6 Graduation will be outlined closer to the date.



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## Term 4 Dates:

Our time together this Term is 10 weeks long and will include the following known events and highlights; please note these on your family calendar:



- 23<sup>rd</sup> October: Mission Fair
- 28<sup>th</sup> October: Kinder 2021 Parent Meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup> November: K-Y2 Field Trips
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November: Pupil Free Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> November: Pupil Free Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> November: Kinder 2021 Transition
- 18<sup>th</sup> November: Kinder 2021 Transition
- 25<sup>th</sup> November: Kinder 2021 Transition
- 30<sup>th</sup> November: K-6 Swimming Program Starts
- 1<sup>st</sup> December: Year 6 Graduation Mass
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December: 2020 Orientation / Step Up Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> December: K-6 Swimming Program Ends
- 10<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Carols
- 11<sup>th</sup> December: Y2-Y6 Swimming Carnival
- 14<sup>th</sup> December: Year 6 Celebration Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> December: End of Year Mass
- 15<sup>th</sup> December: Year 6 Graduation
- 16<sup>th</sup> December: Final Assembly
- 16<sup>th</sup> December: Final Day of Term 4

Field trips for each grade are being finalised at the moment and details will be sent through soon along with permission requests via Operoo (CareMonkey).

## School Uniform:

Thankfully our uniform shop is now restocked! I offer my sincere gratitude to everyone for their patience while stock was running low. In moving forward, it is important that all families support our student presentation requirements as follows:

- Students may continue wearing formal uniform & PE uniform (as per last year).
- Students who are choosing to wear PE uniform every day (which is allowed), must have the full St James Primary embroidered uniform items and new products (shorts/skorts, PE shirt, new socks and new hat).

Teachers will be monitoring this over the coming weeks, so please be proactive!

## Thumbs up:

Gratitude and thanks are extended to....



All students for returning to school with joy-filled and positive attitudes;



Our maintenance crew who worked tirelessly during the break to ensure our learning environment is clean and tidy.

## To conclude:

World Teacher's Day occurs in October; a time to give thanks to the dedicated people who gift our community with care, support and education of students. At St James we are very blessed to have staff who ensure that our children are safe and known and loved each day as a valued member of our 'Family in Christ.' On behalf of our community I thank our staff for their dedication and joy they bring to our community.



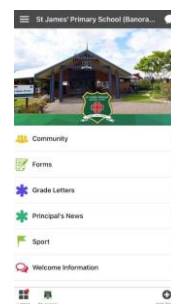
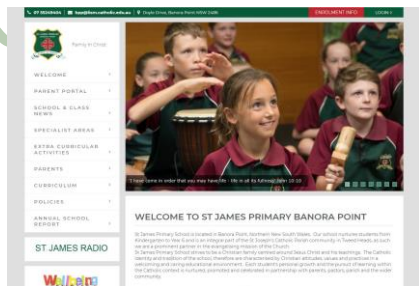
Regards,

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## Community News & Events



At St James Primary we view communication between parents and teachers as essential to the learning environment. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the pillars of our communication strategies which include the following platforms: -

- The school website ([www.bppplism.catholic.edu.au](http://www.bppplism.catholic.edu.au));
- The Schoolstream app;
- Direct email;
- Telephone.

Our weekly Grade Letters and fortnightly Principal's News are available via the School Stream app or our website and are important tools used to communicate current and upcoming events and news.

**Stay Safe on and Around Buses**  
Term 4 Road Safety Focus  
Promote this bus safety message at home

**WAIT**  
until the bus has gone, then use a safe place to cross the road.

**HOLD**  
an adult's hand when you cross the road

**USE**  
a safe place to cross

**STOP! LISTEN! LOOK! THINK!**  
every time you cross the road

**Stay Safe on and Around Buses**  
Term 4 Road Safety Focus  
Getting off the bus.

Meet your child **AT** the bus stop or interchange after school.

**NEVER** wait on the opposite side of the road and call them across.

**TALK** with your child about what to do:

- if you are delayed and cannot meet them as usual
- if they catch the wrong bus
- if they get off the bus at the wrong bus stop.

**Stay Safe on and Around Buses**  
Term 4 Road Safety Focus  
On and off the bus safely.

Meet your child at the bus stop, **never** on the opposite side of the road.

At the bus stop, **hold hands** and stand with your child, well **away** from the passing traffic.

Wait until the bus has **driven off** before choosing the **safest** place to cross the road.

## 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.