

Principal's News

Term 4 | 2020 Edition 3



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TERM 4 Reminders

Wednesday 18th November
Kinder 2021 Transition 2

Wednesday 25th November
Kinder 2021 Transition 3

Friday 27th November
Mufti / Rewards Day

2021 TERM DATES

Term 1 2021

Kinder Best Start 1hr Interviews:
(bookings to be made via Operoo)
From Thu 28th Jan to Wed 3rd Feb
Kinder First Day: Thu 4th February

Y1-Y6 MAI ½ hr Interviews between:
(bookings to be made via Operoo)
Thu 28th Jan – Fri 29th January
Y1-Y6 First Day: Mon 1st February

Last Day: Thu 1st April

Term 2 2021

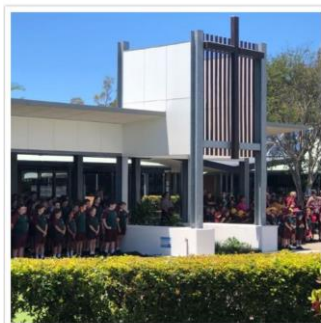
First Day: Mon 19th April
Last Day: Fri 25th June



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear St James Community,

At school this week, 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.*

Also this week, our Kindergarten 2021 cohort and their families gathered in the Kinder playground to explore their new educational surroundings. The children attended in two separate groups (according to COVID guidelines) where they played and explored, and developed connections with each other and staff. It was certainly a joy to welcome our 2021 kindergarten class to St James Primary. The next steps in their transition are 2 Wednesday morning visits, where they will spend time in their learning environment with their 2021 Educators and new friends.





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Rewards (Gems in the Jar):

Students filled the Gems in the Jar recently, which is a direct result of their excellent behaviour. Their reward will occur on Friday, November 27th and will include mufti dress, class movie or free time & an ice-block.

Year K-2 Camp:

Our Year K-2 students thoroughly enjoyed their camp day on 2nd November, where they engaged in localised excursions and stayed at school later into the evening, having lots of fun playing with their friends. In Week 7, students in Years 3-6 will attend day camps to Camp Goodenough, and we look forward to hearing about their tales of learning, adventure and fun!



COVID-19 Guidelines:

As per the letter dated 9/11/2020, the COVID-19 guidelines for Term 4 are:

- Only students may enter past the school gates, unless given Principal approval;
- At all times adults need to practise social distancing (1.5m);
- Up to only 5 adults may be in the school office at any time.

The following items, aligned to current health advice can now occur:

- Full school assemblies (with no parents);
- Swimming carnival (with no parents);
- Parents allowed on school sites for specific end of year events while adhering to all social distancing requirements, at St James this will include:
 - Graduation Mass at St Joseph's Church: Wednesday, December 2nd @ 6pm
 - End of Year Mass in the Doyle Centre: Tuesday, December 15th @ 11:30am [please note a maximum of 4 adults per Year 6 student are able to attend due to restrictions on numbers].
 - Year 6 Dinner Dance: Tuesday, December 15th @ 6pm.
- End of year school concerts can proceed with parental attendance while adhering to all social distancing requirements, this will include:
 - Christmas concert: Thursday, December 10th @ 6pm.

Principal Leave:

I will be taking some personal carer's leave on November 18th-20th; Mrs Cree will be the Acting-Principal for these 3 days.

Thumbs up:

Gratitude and thanks are extended to....

- 👍 Year 6 students for presenting a respectful Remembrance Day service;
- 👍 K-2 Staff and students for their work with our camp program (especially during these unique times);
- 👍 Our parent forum representatives for meeting (virtually) on November 5th;
- 👍 Families for supporting our staff professional learning (pupil free days) recently.

To conclude:

On behalf of the St James Primary community I would like to acknowledge the Year 12 Graduating class of 2020, who finished school in the past weeks. Many of these Graduates are alumni of St James, the Kindergarten class of 2008, 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 selected Catholic Education and our beautiful school.



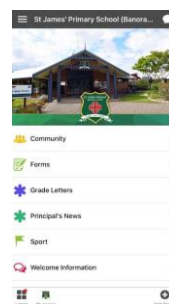
Regards,

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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);
- 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
On and off the bus safely.

SCHOOL BUS STOP AHEAD

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2020

Christmas Eve

5pm (family mass)
6.30pm,
8 pm
midnight

Christmas Day

7 am
8.30 am

Please note

booking for all Christmas Masses
is essential
Phone 0755367522

Getting Ready for Christmas with Fr Rob

Fr Rob Galea
CATHOLIC PRIEST // KEYNOTE SPEAKER
RECORDING ARTIST // AUTHOR

Tuesday 24th November

7.00pm - 8pm

Webinar
Watch from the comfort of your home

A night for all the family

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.