

Principal's News

Term 4 | 2020 Edition 4



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TERM 4 Reminders

Monday 30th November
Swimming Program Begins

Wednesday 2nd December
Step Up / Orientation Day

Thursday 10th December
Christmas Concert 6:00pm

Tuesday 15th December
End of Year Mass, Doyle Cnt 11:30am

2021 TERM DATES

Term 1 2021

Kinder Best Start 1hr Interviews:
(bookings 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 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,

Our Year 6 students will graduate from primary school on Wednesday 2nd December, 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.*



Congratulations to Dylan, Bella, Chase, Molly, Brodie, Luca, Samuel, Darcy, Lily B, Amelia, Brooke, Zali, James, Christopher, Lorenzo, Matthew D, Symia, Ryder, Mia, Natahlia, William, Bryce, Evan, Tayla, Emma, Finley, Ava, Piper, Arlend, Campbell, Mitchell, Finn, Olivia, Benjamin, Keagan, Adam, Zoe, Matthew L, Harriet, Cleo, Zlyra, Keelan, Lily M, Patrick, Morgan, Annika, Luke, Mikayla, Darcia, Kyrone, Preston, Juliette, Saige, Shya, Lilly, Jenna, Shiloh, Jack, and Ross.





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Step-up Day:

On Wednesday 2nd December all students will enjoy a session with their 2021 educators and peers (9am-10:30am). Mr Crompton will be with Year 4 for the session and Miss Regan has attended the Kindergarten Transition programs. Unfortunately, Mr Keating is unable to attend the session due to his teaching appointment in Far North Queensland.

Mr Crompton



Mr Keating



Miss Regan



Swimming Carnival:

Students in Years 2-6 will participate in our annual swimming carnival on Friday 11th 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.

COVID Update:

An update will be shared soon via email. Please note these changes and enact accordingly.

Term 4 Events:

As we enter the final weeks of school for 2020, please take note of these important dates and times (all times are in NSW):

- Monday 30th Nov: Swimming program starts;
- Wednesday 2nd Dec: Whole school Step-up day;
- Wednesday 2nd Dec: Y6 Graduation Mass (6pm);
- Friday 4th Dec: Y6 Field trip;
- Thursday 10th Dec: Christmas concert (6pm);
- Friday 11th Dec: Y2-Y6 Swimming carnival;
- Friday 11th Dec: K-Y1 Water carnival
- Monday 14th Dec: Y6 Graduation fun day out;
- Tuesday 15th Dec: End of Year Mass (11:30am);
- Tuesday 15th Dec: Y6 Dinner Dance (6pm);
- Wednesday 16th Dec: Final School Assembly (9am)
- Wednesday 16th Dec: 2020 Final day for all!

Grades 3-6 Camp:

The students in Years 3-6 finally got to experience their modified camp for 2020! It was wonderful to hear of the fun they had and the skills they gained; and I especially congratulate the kids on their resilience and patience.....they've waited a long time for this event to occur – well done!



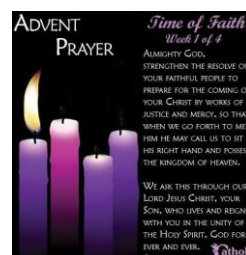
Thumbs up:

Gratitude and thanks are extended to....

- 👍 All students for their wonderful engagement with our Term 4 sport program;
- 👍 Everyone involved in our 2020 Kindergarten transition program;
- 👍 Grades 3-6 students for their excellent engagement in our 2020 camps program.

To conclude:

We commence the season of Advent on Sunday; the time in the Church calendar for waiting in joyful hope for the birth of Jesus into our hearts.



Come into our hearts Lord Jesus

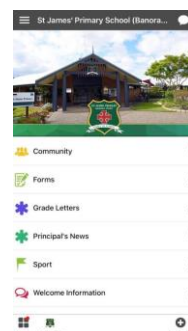
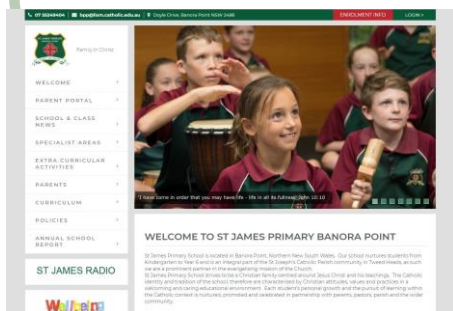
Regards,

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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.bpplism.catholic.edu.au);
- 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.



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 BUS STOP AHEAD

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

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

All Mass and Reconciliations will be held at St Joseph's Tweed Heads

SATURDAY VIGIL @6.00 pm

SUNDAY @7AM @8.30AM @10.00AM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday 9.10AM
Saturday 7AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30PM
and 1st Friday 9.40 - 10am

BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office with any Baptism enquiries

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve @ 5pm (family mass) @ 6.30pm
@ 8 pm and @ midnight
Christmas Day @ 7 am and @ 8.30 am

BOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS IS ESSENTIAL
Phone 0755367522



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.

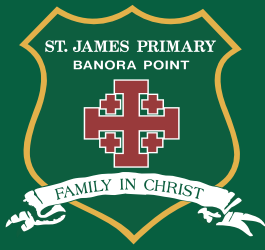
With Jesus in our heart may we always be a Family in Christ.

St James – pray for us.

Mary our Good Mother – pray for us.

And let us always remember – to pray for one another.

Amen.



9th November, 2020

Dear Families,

Re: School Uniform.

I am writing to confirm expectations with regard to student presentation and uniform requirements.

I thank everyone for their patience as uniform stock ran low during the peak of the Covid-19 situation; this has been rectified and the St James Uniform shop is now fully stocked. As previously outlined, from the beginning of the 2021 school year **all** students will wear one style of uniform for 5 days per week. Therefore, to comply with our uniform policy, I am expecting that all students ensure they have the following items ready for the commencement of school in Term 1, 2021:

- **Shoes must be a fully black polishable jogger sport style (please note that mesh/canvas shoes are not acceptable [refer to picture]);**
- **Maroon shorts or skorts with "St James" embroidered on them (purchased from the St James Uniform shop. Other shorts or skorts purchased from other stores are not acceptable);**
- **Ankle length white socks with the maroon bands (purchased from the St James Uniform shop. Old style school socks or other socks purchased from other stores are not acceptable);**
- **Reversible school hat with students sporting house team (purchased from the St James Uniform shop. Old style school hats are not acceptable).**



All other uniform standards, e.g.: grooming is unchanged and needs to be adhered to. At the commencement of the school year staff will be following up on all uniform standards as we make the concerted effort to maintain our student presentation principles during this changeover period.

In anticipation, I thank students and parents for thoroughly preparing for the changes and for making a conscious effort to support our uniform expectations that help promote identity, belonging and uniformity. Should you have any questions, please contact the school office or speak with me directly.

Sincerely,

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