



ST JAMES SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Issue Date 27 November 2023



Week 7, Term 4

Important Dates

Junior Jimmies
8:55-3:15pm
(Session 10)

Wednesday 29 November
2023

Year 5/6 Assembly -
2:40pm

Friday 1 December 2023

Advent Mass led by
Reception - 9:30am

Friday 1 December 2023

Christmas Pageant -
4:30 for 5:30pm

Sunday 3 December 2023

Swimming Lessons
Week 8 (Mon-Fri)

Monday 4 December 2023

St Marks College
Transition Day Year
6 to 7

Monday 4 December 2023

School Board
Meeting - 6:30pm

Monday 4 December 2023

P & F Christmas
Dinner, Railway
Hotel Jamestown -
6pm

Wednesday 6 December
2023

Thanksgiving and
End of Year Mass -
6pm

Tuesday 12 December 2023

Splash Day

Wednesday 13 December
2023

Reports to be sent
home

Wednesday 13 December
2023

Yr. 6 Graduation
Dinner at the
Commercial - 6pm

Wednesday 13 December
2023

Students Last Day
of School Year -
Casual Day 3:15pm
dismissal
Thursday 14 December 2023

SCHOOL CLOSURE
DAY - Staff Last
Day of the School
Year
Friday 15 December 2023

Carols in the Park -
8pm
Sunday 17 December 2023

First Day for
students - Term 1
2024
Monday 29 January 2024

PRAYER AND REFLECTION

During the month of November the Catholic Church commemorates all who have departed from this life. It is a time for us to remember all family and friends who have passed away.

Prayer for the departed this month

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Week 7, Term 4 newsletter. It is hard to believe there is only three weeks left of the school year.

Last Wednesday, I had the pleasure of spending most of the day with the Junior Jimmies children. This was their 9th and longest transition session with us so far, as they were at school until the end of lunchtime. In the morning, our Junior Jimmies played with building blocks and learnt how to use bee bots (the start of coding). They then spent time in the Reception Class completing alphabet activities and colouring in. After visiting the Reception Class they watched the Year 3/4 Class using drones, then had story time. After recess, Mrs Wardle made Christmas Crowns with them and then they rejoined the Reception Class for Maths, where they used blocks to measure how long many items were. We look forward to seeing the Junior Jimmies this Wednesday for their final and full day transition before they start school next year.

Next Wednesday, 6th December two of our new 2024 teachers will visit. Mr Zack Taylor will spend time with the 2024 Year 4 Class and Miss Georgia Parisotto will spend time with the 2024 Year 5/6 Class. We look forward to hosting them this week.

This Wednesday, our Year 5 students will have the opportunity to present their speeches for the role of School and Sports Captains for 2024. This will take place after lunch in the Learning Centre.

End of Year Special Assembly – Carols

On our last day of school, Thursday 14th December, each class will perform carols. All parents are welcome to join us at 2:30pm to sing along. We look forward to seeing you there.

Student Reports

Student reports will be sent home on Wednesday 13th December (Week 9). If you have any questions or concerns, please organise a time to meet with your child's teacher before the end of the year.

Volunteer Catering with Nickie Mead

Six students from the Year 5/6 class gave up their time to assist as waitstaff during a lunch for Kavanagh Catering on Monday

13th November. The event was held at the Jamestown Football Clubrooms, coordinated by Malcolm and Margaret Sparks. The lunch was for individuals that are widowed, have no family or are elderly.

The initiative shown by these students on the day was commendable and we have received many appreciative comments on how they conducted themselves. In the true spirit of St Vincent de Paul, the students and parent helpers, Tammi and Jodie, decided that the money they would have been paid to undertake the work, will go towards buying gifts and under the St James Giving Tree for children in need. Thank you to Kavanagh Catering for the opportunity this provided for our students. It was an invaluable experience for them.

New Emu Crossing for St James School

Works on the new Emu (pedestrian) Crossing on King Edward Tce are progressing well. The upgrade to the underground drainage has been completed and works on the new crossing, footpaths and guttering are taking shape. The works should be finished in early December. I ask that the school community continues to be patient while this occurs, as parking at the front of the school is affected. Please observe the speed signs for safety and to help keep the dust down.

Illnesses at School

Unfortunately, the illnesses that have trouble many of our students have continued to spread. Illnesses include conjunctivitis and gastro. If your child/ren are unwell, please keep them at home. Both conjunctivitis and gastro are very contagious. If your child has conjunctivitis they must stay away from school while they have discharge from their eyes. If your child has had gastro, they must be excluded from school until no vomiting or diarrhoea has occurred for a period of at least 24 hours. Children will be reminded to practice good hygiene including handwashing and minimising the need to touch their face.

Staffing Update and Class Structures for 2024

Specialist Subjects and Teachers for 2024 have been made and these include;

AUSLAN - Mrs Sandra Gresch

Health and Physical Education – Mr Jed Sutter

Music with Mr Paul Gibson (with Mr Wrobel supervising) – Term 1

Mr Evan Wrobel to teach one specialist subject in each class during Term 2-4

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Blessing of the Cribs – Family Mass

On Sunday, 10th December, we invite families to join the parish in Mass at 9am at St James Church. Students and families will be invited to read and participate in the Mass, as well as have the opportunity to bring along a crib, their nativity scenes (or part of) from home to be blessed by Fr Harold. If you intend to join us for the Mass and you think your children might like to be involved, please let Mrs Ally Kelly know.

Giving Tree

The St. James Giving Tree has been set up in the Front Office; This is our last fundraising effort for the year to go to St. Vincent De Paul. We are asking our school community to please donate something to go towards families in our local communities that are struggling at this time of the year. For example: non-perishable food or a gift. These gifts do not need to be wrapped, as unfortunately if they are wrapped, they do have to unwrap them again before giving to the children to ensure they are appropriate. We will be collecting gifts and donations up until Wednesday of Week 8, 6th December.

Thanksgiving Mass and Year 6 Graduation – Tuesday 12th December

Our Thanksgiving Mass and Year 6 Graduation will be in Week 9, on Tuesday 12th December at 6pm in the Church. For those who are new to our school community, it is one of the most important and popular events in the school year. All students and families are expected to attend in their traditional summer uniform (shirts tucked in). As this is a family event each child must be accompanied by an

adult. Students will meet their class teacher in their classroom at 5:45pm. Teachers will bring classes to the Church and they will sit in their class groups. Each family will be asked to bring a plate of food to share. This can be dropped off at the Learning Centre Kitchen at 5:45pm or during the school day. Families with surnames between A - L can bring a sweet. Families with surnames between M - Z can bring a savoury (if families wish to swap the meal they have been asked to provide eg. sweet or savoury, feel free to make your own swap with another family). We ask the Year 5 families to assist with the clean up and pack of the shared meal, in order for the parents of the Year 6 students to see the whole Year 6 Graduation. The proceedings of the evening includes;

5:45 – Students to meet class teachers in classrooms

6:00 – Mass in Church

7:00 – Shared Picnic style meal

7:30 – Year 6 Graduation in Church Hall, End of year awards and Thank You's.

8:00 – Event concludes

If your family is unable to attend, please contact the principal via email (principal@stjames.catholic.edu.au), send a note into the office or phone the school.

YEAR 1/2 SNAPSHOT

Last Friday the Year 1/2 class went on an excursion with the Reception Class. We travelled by bus to the Wirrabara playground where we enjoyed fruit, recess and a long play. We then went to the Stone Hut petting zoo and aviary. The students enjoyed spending time with the different animals – the kangaroos and lizards seemed to be the favourite! We took our lunch from Stone Hut to the Laura playground. After a play there we returned to school. The Year 1's stayed for dinner after school and the Year 2's stayed for a sleepover. All students looked to have a lovely day and enjoyed spending time together in the sun.





Gastro & Swimming Lessons

After consultation with the NORTHERN Areas Council & SA Health it has been recommended that if your child has had Gastro like symptoms

..... if vomiting can't enter a public pool for 2 days, after symptoms cease

..... if diarrhoea that they can't enter a public pool for 2 weeks, after symptoms cease.

This is for the health of everyone and to stop the spread of gastro, please help everyone out by adhering to these guidelines.



Swimming Program and Splash Day

The annual Swimming Program begins next week and Splash Day takes place on the last Wednesday of the school year, 13th December. All families recently received paper copies of excursion forms for the Swimming Program and Splash Day. Thank you to the families who have already sent to forms back to school. The decision was made to use paper forms instead of the usual Operoo eForm as the swimming instructors need access to information about each student who is taking part. **We ask that these are signed and return to school as soon as possible.**

Assembly – led by Year 5/6

All families and grandparents are welcome to attend Assembly this Friday, 1st December at 2:40pm in the Learning Centre. We look forward to hearing about their learning.

Christmas Pageant – Sunday 3rd December

All Students are invited to take part in the St. James Christmas Pageant Float this Sunday 3rd December. Students will need to meet at the Church Hall carpark at 4:30pm. An Operoo notification was sent out to families recently, to indicate if their children can take part.

School Closure Day – 15th December

Our school will have a school closure day on Friday 15th December. This will be devoted to student learning data analysis and student handover. The last day for the school year for students will be on Thursday 14th December.

Carols in the Park – Sunday 17th December

On Sunday, 17th December at 8pm, students from all year levels are invited to join the School Choir to perform at the Community Carols in Memorial Park. We will perform 2 songs. These carols are being learnt during our music lessons this term. It would be great to see as many students as possible join us to share in this event. We will need to confirm numbers closer to the end of term - all are encouraged to represent our school and share some Christmas joy. Please let Mrs Wurst know, via Operoo, if your child can join in the fun. Come along and enjoy the whole event!

PARENTS AND FRIENDS



P & F Christmas Dinner

All are welcome to attend the St James P & F Christmas dinner on Wednesday the 6th of December at the Railway Hotel Jamestown for a 6pm start.

Ginger Bread House Orders

Thank you to all who supported our last fundraiser of the year. Orders have been sent off and ginger bread houses will be available for pick up during the last week of school. A text message will be sent out closer to the time with an exact date.

Op Shop Drop Off

A vibrant pink poster for the 2024 St James Pop Up Op Shop. The background is a solid pink color. In the top left corner, there is a blue and red checkered pattern. A large, stylized sunburst made of many thin yellow lines radiates from the center. Overlaid on the sunburst is the text 'POP UP OP SHOP' in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. In the top right corner, there is a blue circle with a yellow border containing the year '2024' in white. Below the sunburst, there is green text providing details about the event. At the bottom, there is smaller white text.

2024

POP UP OP SHOP

**Pre Christmas donations for the
2024 St James Pop Up Op Shop
can be delivered to
St James Parish Hall on
WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 9AM -5PM**

There will be further dates in 2024
Date of Op Shop TBA



SAPSASA Tennis

Last week, Ethan and Hugh S travelled to Adelaide to compete in SAPSASA Tennis. Unfortunately the weather provided a challenge for

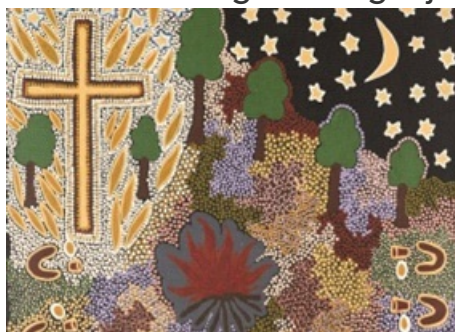
the students and they were washed out on the first day, but were able to play some games on the second day. Despite the rain, it sounds like both students had a fun time engaging with other students from the North Eastern district and finished 5th overall. Well done boys.

WELLBEING UPDATE

Embrace Kids Screening

On Tuesday last week, we gave our Year 3-6 students the opportunity to watch and engage with the Embrace Kids documentary, by Taryn Brumfitt. We were so pleased that Year 3-6 students from JCS were able to join us and share a common ground on encouraging positive body image within the Jamestown community. Thank you to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Hunt from JCS for bringing the students across. We look forward to continuing this learning within all our classrooms.

We acknowledge the Ngadjuri people, traditional custodians of this land.



Tuck Roster



MONDAY 4th DECEMBER

Convenor: Colleen B

Worker: Kelly K

Cakes: Helen L & Kym H

MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER

Convenor: Suanne R

Worker: Not required

Cakes: Hayley C & Kate L

Parish Mass

SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER

Welcomers: Peter M

Servers: Ned & Sid C

SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER

Welcomers: Jane & Nick R

Servers: Harriet S & Bowie S





ROYAL LIFE SAVING
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HOLIDAY SWIM

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CAROLS IN THE PARK

Sponsored by Jamestown Lions' Club

 **SUNDAY DECEMBER 17th 8pm**

Jamestown Memorial Park



*Nativity, Christmas message, guest artists,
choir, band, community singing*



candles for sale



entry by donation



**bring your own
rug, chair, torch**

**sausages
hot dogs
donuts
cold drinks
tea & coffee
available from
6:30pm**

Northern Highlands Soroptimist are holding a book swap stall to encourage reading over the holidays. From 3pm – 530pm on Sunday 3rd December, please bring along any books no longer required and swap them for a different book, or you can purchase a book for a gold coin donation. Come and see us in the main street near the Town Hall on pageant day.

Charter for Parents in SA Catholic Schools



Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Adelaide and the Diocese of Port Pirie work in partnership with parents* and their school communities to promote a shared responsibility for the education of each child. This charter provides the principles and expectations to achieve this partnership.

* Parents is a collective term that includes carers and legal guardians

A thriving relationship between parents and schools provides a powerful environment for the flourishing of each and every child. Within this relationship, both parents and schools have distinct responsibilities to nurture a strong ongoing partnership.

The Partnership recognises:

- The primary role parents play in their child's faith formation, learning and wellbeing
- The contribution that parents make by valuing the Catholic identity and mission of the schools
- The shared responsibility for the social, spiritual and emotional development of our students in our schools.

1 Parents

Our parents can expect their child's school will:

- Provide an excellent holistic education inspired by Catholic teachings and traditions
- Ensure high quality curriculum, pedagogy, assessment and reporting practices are delivered
- Strive to create an inclusive environment which values and respects the diversity of faith and cultures across the school community
- Model Christian values with all members of the school community
- Provide timely and accurate information on their child's progress
- Communicate clearly and effectively to enable a mutually supportive environment
- Provide staff with professional development opportunities to maintain currency and expertise
- Demonstrate respect for the privacy of families in all interactions, including through the use of technology and social media
- Encourage parents to ask questions and speak to their child's teacher or member of the school leadership team at a mutually convenient time
- Allow any concern to be heard and commit to ongoing respectful relationships
- Address parent concerns in accordance with the school's grievance procedure and the *Complaint Response and Resolution Procedure (CESA)*.

2 Schools

Our schools can expect that parents will:

- Act as positive advocates and first educators for their children
- Work in partnership with schools and parishes to achieve the best possible outcome for each student
- Support the spiritual and faith culture of the school
- Support their child's learning at school and home
- Respect the skills, knowledge and experience of school leaders and teachers
- Model respectful behaviour within the school community in both real and digital worlds
- Listen, talk collaboratively and share relevant information with teachers and school staff to understand and resolve any issues and concerns
- Respect the privacy of every member of the school community - students, parents and staff
- Support the school expectations and guidelines that are in place for the wellbeing and effective learning of students
- Contribute to a safe school community where intimidation, bullying or harassment are not acceptable behaviours
- Adhere to the financial commitments made at the time of enrolment including payment of all fees and levies in a timely manner
- Promote and encourage a collective responsibility to support the Charter for Parents in SA Catholic Schools.



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