



## Important Dates

**Hot Shots Clinic -  
Year 3-6**

Tuesday 17 October 2023

**Catholic Womens  
League Meeting -  
11:30am to 3:00pm**

Tuesday 17 October 2023

**Junior Jimmies -  
8:55 to 11:20am  
(Session 4)**

Wednesday 18 October  
2023

**SACPSSA Athletics  
Trials**

Friday 20 October 2023

**Prayer Service - Led  
by Mini Vinnies 9am**

Friday 20 October 2023

**Crazy Hair &  
Clothes Day**

Friday 20 October 2023

**Year 5/6 Mylor  
Camp Mon - Wed**

Monday 23 October 2023

**Strikers Cricket  
Session - R-4**

Tuesday 24 October 2023

**Junior Jimmies -  
8:55 to 11:20am  
(Session 5)**

Wednesday 25 October  
2023

**St Joseph's School  
Gladstone -  
Production Matinee**

Thursday 26 October 2023

**P & F Catering  
Weekend - CFS**

Friday 27 October 2023

**Mission Mass - Led  
by Yr 3/4 @ 12pm**

Friday 27 October 2023

**Gala Day - 1:00 to  
2:30pm**

Friday 27 October 2023

**Junior Jimmies -  
8:55 to 11:20am  
(Session 6)**

Wednesday 1 November  
2023

**Mass - All Saints  
Day Led by Yr 1/2 -  
9:30am**

Wednesday 1 November  
2023

**Assembly -  
Reception, 2:40pm**

Friday 3 November 2023

**JCS Closure Day -  
NO BUSES**

School Board  
Meeting 7:30pm  
Monday 6 November 2023

SAPSASA Cricket  
Carnival - Tues to  
Thurs  
Tuesday 7 November 2023

Junior Jimmies -  
8:55 to 11:20am  
(Session 7)  
Wednesday 8 November  
2023

SACPSSA Athletics  
Thursday 9 November 2023  
  
Remembrance Day  
Service - 11am  
Friday 10 November 2023

P & F Meeting  
6:30pm  
Tuesday 14 November 2023

Junior Jimmies -  
8:55 to 11:20am  
(Session 8)  
Wednesday 15 November  
2023

Mass led by Yr 5/6 -  
9:30am  
Friday 17 November 2023

Thanksgiving and  
End of Year Mass -  
6pm  
Tuesday 12 December 2023

Students Last Day  
of School Year  
Thursday 14 December 2023

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

## PRAYER AND REFLECTION

October is World Mission Month. Pope Francis asks us to consider the needs of others who are less fortunate. With the theme of, "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move" we will spend time as a school community focusing on the charitable elements of Catholic Social Teaching, to work with our hearts on fire to support others. The focus country this year is Timor-Leste. Our Year 3/4 Class will lead the school community in prayer with Mass at the end of Week 2, Friday 20th October at 12:00pm in the Church. All parents are welcome to join us.

Dear Lord,

We pray that the Church will continue to work in harmony with the people of Timor-Leste, with mercy, care, peace and justice. May leaders work with the people of Timor-Leste towards building sustainable and climate friendly practices for future generations to thrive. We pray that people are filled with the Holy Spirit to rid our world of actions that harm our brothers and sisters.

Amen

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the first newsletter for the term. It is hard to believe that the final term is already upon us. Term 4 is always a busy term, with many sporting activities, camps and excursions, the swimming program and the end of year celebrations. Please check the "Important Dates" section of the newsletter and add these to your family's calendar.

Today we had two new students join our St James School community, Talyn in Year 3 and his brother Xavier in Year 4. They have moved to Jamestown with their family from Adelaide. We would like to extend a warm St James welcome to them and their family and hope their time in Jamestown and at our school is a rewarding and enriching experience.

Last term, on Tuesday 19th September, all students attended a play performed by a visiting performer called, "Pick a Peck of Pickled

Poems.” The students thoroughly enjoyed the performance, especially the use of puppets and the funny rhyming poetry throughout the play.

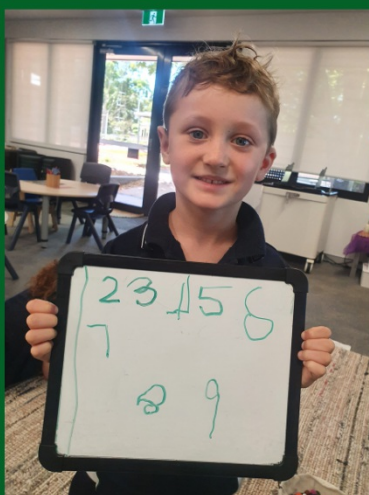
The Student Representative Council ran a “Wheels Day” late last term. Students had the opportunity to show of their wheels during a morning parade and to use their wheels at recess and lunch. It was great to see a variety of wheels including roller blades, scooters, roller skates and bikes of all shapes and sizes. Many of the students commented on how it was the **BEST DAY** at school ever and hope that it happens again soon. Thank you to the Student Representative Council for organising the day.

## JUNIOR JIMMIES



# Junior Jimmies

## Transition Program



**St James is excited to offer a  
FREE Transition Program  
for 2024 Reception Students**

**Term 3 - Wednesday's on a fortnightly basis  
30th Aug, 13th Sept & 27th Sept**

**Term 4 - Wednesday's on a weekly basis  
18th Oct - 29th November**

**For more information or to register for the Junior Jimmies  
Transition program please email Evan Wrobel at  
[principal@stjames.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@stjames.catholic.edu.au) or phone 8637 9100**

**WHAT IS JUNIOR JIMMIES?** Junior Jimmies is a transition program designed specifically for kindergarten students moving into Reception the following year. With a focus on early literacy skills, school routines, oral language development, social skills, and familiarising children with the school setting, Junior Jimmies is here to make the transition to school seamless and exciting.

Junior Jimmies runs over Terms 3 & 4, offering an extended transition to school program that ensures children feel confident and prepared for school. Beginning with 2.5-hour sessions at school, our program gradually increases to a full-day experience, allowing children to grow their confidence in their new school environment.

Session Times - Starting 30th August (Wednesday's fortnightly Term 3 and weekly in Term 4 on Wednesday's for a total of 10 sessions)

- The first 8 sessions will be run for 2.5 hours (8:55 – 11:20am)
- Session 9 - 22nd November will run until the end of lunch (1:45pm)
- The final session - 29th November will run for a full day.

Junior Jimmies will be led by an experienced educator who understands the unique needs of young learners. Our educators will create a nurturing and stimulating environment that fosters growth and development.

Who will be leading Junior Jimmies – Mrs Ellie Stacey

Where: Sessions will be held in our General-Purpose Learning spaces. There will be some interaction with the current Reception class and specialist teachers throughout the program.

We believe in providing equal opportunities for all children, regardless of their background and that is why we offer our transition program for FREE!





On Friday this week, students and staff are invited to wear crazy clothes and hair and are asked to bring a gold coin donation to raise money for students in the Philippines. Alongside the support of the P&F, Fr Harold made contact during his time in the Philippines, and thought we may be able to help out in some way by raising money to purchase some basic school supplies for those who do not have what they needed.

The Mini Vinnies group will also be serving Bacon and Egg sandwiches at lunchtime on Friday. Lunch order forms will be sent home with your child. We thank you for your continued support with these initiatives.

#### GALA Day

On Friday of Week 2, we will be celebrating GALA day. GALA day is a special day for St James, where we take the opportunity to raise money for Catholic Missions during Mission Month. We will begin this event with Mass at 12pm at St James Church, led by the Year 3/4 class. Students will then run stalls/activities from 1pm until 2:30pm. All parents and grandparents are welcome to join us for Mass and the Gala Day Stalls.

#### Combined Parish Mass and Picnic

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October, come along and join the parish at the Bundaleer Forest for Mass and a picnic at 10:30am. Bring your own food, drinks and picnic mat/chairs. All welcome.

## Made in the Image of God – Being Sexual Strand Term 4

This term, all students from Reception to Year 6 will be engaging in the 'Being Sexual' strand as part of the Religious Education curriculum. A separate note will be sent home to families on Wednesday this week, letting you know what content will be covered in your child's classroom. If you have any questions about this area of learning, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher/s or Ally Kelly.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### PE Uniform to be worn tomorrow

Can all students please wear their PE uniform tomorrow.

### Toys at School

We ask all students to leave their toys at home. Many parents have requested this. Toys to be left home include trading cards, cars, action figures and soft toys. A toy that is a tool for learning or used as a sensory toy can be brought to school. We thank all parents for their cooperation with this.

### Summer Uniform Transition

As the weather varies at this time of the year, students can choose whether they wear their winter or summer uniforms for the first two weeks of Term 4. From Week 3, Term 4, all students are expected to wear their summer uniforms.

Hats – All students are expected to wear their hat at recess, lunch and during excursions throughout Term 4. Please ensure your child brings this to school. New hats can be purchased via the Flexi Schools App.

### Can and Bottle Drive

The Year 5/6 Class Can and Bottle Drive took place on 23rd September. Thank you to Helen Latham and Jess Robinson organising this and to the families who donated their cans and bottles to the school. Just over \$500 was raised, which goes towards the costs of the upcoming Year 5/6 Camp.

### Year 5/6 Camp

The Year 5/6 Class will be heading off to the Mylor Adventure Camp next week from Monday 23rd to Wednesday 25th October. They will take part in a variety of outdoor challenge activities. We look forward to hearing about their camp experiences.

### Whole School Excursion to Gladstone for Musical Production

Our school has been invited to attend the St. Joseph's Parish School bi-annual musical production, "Porridge" on Thursday 26th October. Students will travel by bus, leaving St James at 9:45am. The show begins at 10:30am. Students will return to school in time for lunch. They will need to bring a fruit time snack, water, recess and a hat.

### Staffing Update

Miss Hannah Arbon has accepted a teaching position at St. Joseph's Parish School, Gladstone. Miss Jessica Robinson has also accepted a Year 7-9 teaching position at St Joseph's School, Peterborough. Congratulations to both teachers. We will thank them for their contributions later this year. The recruitment process has begun.

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS

### Taryn Brumfitt "Embrace Kids" Movie Screening and Q&A

Yesterday, we had the privilege of hosting the 2023 Australian of the Year, Taryn Brumfitt, as a guest speaker for our community at the Maple and Pine Centre, Bundaleer. As part of the day the "Embrace Kids" documentary (that Taryn produced and stars in) was screened followed with a Q & A session with her. We enjoyed a morning of learning how to help children embrace themselves as awesome, unique people and at the same time remembering to try and love ourselves no matter our size, shape, gender or ability. Her passion for this topic was infectious and we all took so much away from it.

Her big messages were to '**Delete, Unfollow, Repeat**'. If you are going to use social media or watch YouTube (she suggests we hold our kids off for as long as we can), you should only follow pages that make you feel good, not pages that cause you to compare yourself to others. She highlighted to the children that their self-worth is not tied to how their body looks.

Taryn also spoke about the immense importance of not talking about our own bodies in a bad or disparaging way in front of our children

and of course never, ever passing judgement on their bodies.

The event was made possible through a grant that the Parents and Friends successfully applied for, called, Parents in Education. The school also contributed funds from a one off government Wellbeing Boost grant, which made it possible to host the event for free.

A big thank you goes to the Parents and Friends Committee, who also contributed funds and their time to help host the event. A very special thank you must go to Billie Thomas who spent Saturday cooking nibbles for the guests. Thanks to Bek Sweet and Bel Heness for helping her. Thanks also to our Parents and Friends Committee who helped on the day including Bridget, Billie, Bel, Tash, Jodie, Bek, Debbie and Jemma.

Lastly, thank you to the families that came and supported the event we put on for the school.

#### CFS Catering

The Parent and Friends Catering Committee catered for a CFS Training Weekend on 23rd and 24th September. Thank you to the families who donated items towards this event and a big thank you to the parents who cooked and prepared the meals.

## SPORTS NEWS

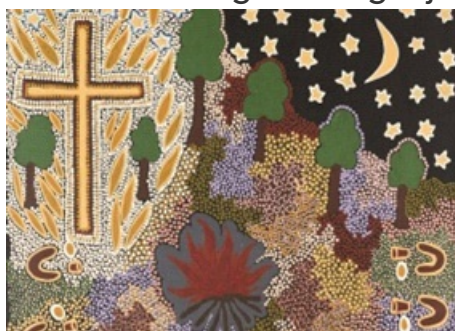
#### Hots Shots Tennis Carnival - Year 3-6

All Year 3-6 students will head down to the Jamestown Tennis Club tomorrow, Tuesday 17th October for a tennis carnival. Students will be playing against students from other schools in the area. Students are asked to bring snacks, recess and plenty of water. Lunch orders were made available at the end of last term. If your child did not order lunch, please ensure they also bring a packed lunch with them. Please see the consent form on Operoo for more information.

#### SAPSASA Tennis Carnival – 18th October

Two students from St James School will represent North Eastern at the SAPSASA Tennis Carnival this Wednesday, 18th October. We wish Ethan and Hugh S all the best.

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



---

#### Tuck Roster





#### **MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER**

**Convenor:** Colleen B

**Worker:** Lynne W

**Cakes:** Sam C & Vanessa D

#### **MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER**

**Convenor:** Kerry S

**Worker:** Sophie H

**Cakes:** Alice P & Rebecca D

---

### **Parish Mass**

#### **SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER**

**Welcomers:** Bernie & Kelly K & Family

**Servers:** Hazel H & Lucy L

#### **SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER**

**Welcomers:** Jamie & Scott C & Family

**Servers:** Pippa & Colbie C

---

A large, stylized orange basketball with black lines, positioned behind the title banner.

# **JAMESTOWN & AREAS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

## **2023-24 JUNIOR BASKETBALL SEASON**

The season will begin early in term 4, and children born from 2007-2015 are eligible to play.

Games will be played on a Monday night in The Big Shed. Game times and age groups will not be confirmed until player numbers are finalised.

If your child would like to play basketball this season, please email your child's name and date of birth to [jamestownjuniorbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:jamestownjuniorbasketball@gmail.com) by Friday 22 September 2023.

Please contact Bernadette McCarthy on 0438 640 175 for further details.



ROYAL LIFE SAVING  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

8



# HOLIDAY SWIM

ENROLMENTS OPEN  
NOW

Swim  
**SURVIVE**

**GET IN QUICK!**

**Holiday  
Swim**

[WWW.HOLIDAYSWIM.COM.AU](http://WWW.HOLIDAYSWIM.COM.AU)

# Strengthen skills. Build savings. Take control.



## Save \$500 and ANZ will top up your bank account with another \$500.

Income, eligibility and participation criteria apply, go to [saverplus.org.au](https://saverplus.org.au) for more information.

**1300 610 355** [saverplus.org.au](https://saverplus.org.au)

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services, learn more [saverplus.org.au](https://saverplus.org.au)



The Southern Cross





[Read More](#)

All Content Copyright 2024 ©