



ST JAMES SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Week 11 Term 1, 2025

Important Dates

Last Day of Term -
Casual Clothes Day

Friday 11 April 2025

St James Student
Free Day

Monday 28 April 2025

PRAYER AND REFLECTION

"Holy Week is a privileged time when we are called to draw near to Jesus: friendship with him is shown in times of difficulty"- Pope Francis



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Wow, I can hardly believe that Term One has already come to a close! It feels like just yesterday we were all gearing up for the start of the school year, and now here we are, wrapping up a busy and successful term.

I'm truly blown away by the incredible amount of parent volunteer hours that have been given this term. From the Wood Chop event, which I was lucky enough to attend for a few hours on Saturday, to the bustling Op Shop – the generosity of our school community has been nothing short of inspiring. The time and effort parents have contributed cannot be overstated, and it's heartening to see so many of you stepping in to support these important events. We'll be sure to keep you all updated throughout the year on where the money raised from these events will go, as it's your hard work that makes these initiatives possible.

It was a lovely way to wrap up the term this morning with our Thanksgiving Mass – a time for reflection and gratitude. I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break over the holidays, finding time to rest, rejuvenate, and spend quality moments with loved ones.

Looking ahead to next term, I'm excited to be stepping into my role as Principal full-time. I feel incredibly grateful for all the kind words of congratulations and support I've received since being appointed to this role. It means so much to me to be part of such a wonderful school community, and I'm eager to continue working together to make St. James the best it can be.

Enjoy the break, and I look forward to seeing you all in Term Two!

Martin Hayes

KEY INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday, 28th April will be a Pupil Free Day. Now that there is a new principal, this day will enable the St James staff to to set the rest of the year up for success.

WORKING BEE

A reminder that there will be a working bee on Sunday 27th April for our Year 3 - 6 families starting at 10am. Please bring along hats, gloves, shovels and rakes for the day.

UPDATED VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS – RHAAN COURSE

Here at St James, we are incredibly grateful and proud of the parent and community volunteers, putting in so much time and effort contributing to our amazing school community.

To be a volunteer with the school, it does come with some small requirements.

All volunteers must have a current Working With Children Check, and have completed the RRHAN-EC training for volunteer's course, along with standard induction procedures.

If you are new to the school and wish to be a volunteer, please chat with Martin or the team and we can start the process of signing you up.

The RRHAN-EC course can be completed following the instructions online through this link:

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/working-us/rrhan-ec/how-volunteers-access-rrhan-ec-training>

Alternatively we are planning to hold in person sessions in Term 2, please express your interest in this option to Tammi or Judy in the front office or Helen our WHS officer via email: hlatham@stjames.catholic.edu.au and we will pop you on the list of attendance. Dates to be confirmed.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Thank you to all our families that continue to support our Project Compassion Fundraisers. We have raised an incredible \$1126 so far. The generosity has been nothing short of outstanding!

Your donations are making a such a big impact on families all over the world and providing the opportunity for communities to build rain water tanks to enable access to clean water.



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HOLY WEEK PLAYS

This year, Holy Week falls in the school term break. Therefore, our school will run our Holy Week plays this week. Each class will lead us in the events that prepare us for the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Parents, families and parishioners are most welcome to join us for these plays.

Thursday Week 11, 10:40am -- Palm Sunday – led by Reception Class

Thursday Week 11, 11:20am - The Last Supper – led by the Year 3/4 Class

Friday Week 11 9:30am - Stations of the Cross –led by the Year 5/6 Class

Tuesday 28th April (Week 1, Term 2) 2.55pm - The Resurrection – led by Year 1/2 Class

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Last week the Year 3 and 4 families received a letter via Operoo with more information about the Sacramental programs offered this year. In 2025, the Jamestown Parish will celebrate the sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Communion. If you think you missed this key information, please check your Operoo, or let Ally Kelly know and we will ensure this information is given to those who can undertake the sacraments this year.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Our Term 2 Parents and Friends meeting will be held at Bonnie Levine on **Tuesday, 20th May**. A special thanks to Philippa Pycroft for generously agreeing to host us. Join us at 6:00 PM for a drink and a chance to browse before the meeting begins at 6:30 PM. We hope this to be a fun, social evening, while supporting a local business. Even if you're not interested in joining the committee, feel free to come along and enjoy a night out with other school parents.

A special thanks to Sam and Rory Catlin, who recently organised a catering event for the Show Society. Sam kindly donated her time and skills, with all funds raised going to the Parents and Friends to support the school. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

CATERING EVENT

A big thank you to all that helped on Saturday night, Ryan, Shona, Eliza and Hamish S, Billie and Flynn T, Colleen, Imogen and Sophie B, Ellie S, Annie O and Connie W, Bel, Frankie and Daisy H, Suanne, Maggie and Sadie R, Helen and Macey L and Max B-R. A special thank you to my mum, Sally, who helped me prep all the food prior to the event.

The kids did a wonderful job of waitressing, many doing it for the first time, and how lucky are we to have some past students come back and lead the way with the younger ones. I've had lots of compliments from people in the last few days and they have all mentioned how great the kids were.

- Cheers, Sam



VINE PLANTING

Do you remember few years ago, John and Prudence Wilson invited families of St James School to plant out some rows in their vineyard near Wirrabara as a fundraiser for the school? We have some good news - our efforts survived and have proven fruitful! John has sent us some photos of their harvest this year.



THANKYOU

St James school has an amazing parent body who are teaching their children what it means to contribute to the community they belong to. We have had a big term of fundraising, but the greatest outcome is working together to build a strong sense of community. Our parent, student and parish involvement has been incredible over the past few months with our Op Shop, resulting in raising a remarkable amount of money for our school.

- Wood Chop
- Show Society Catering.
- Pop UP OP Shop
- Project Compassion
- Sporting Competitions and Carnivals

What a fantastic and unique school community we have at St James! Thank you to you all!

To all our parents, who have either donated, sorted, set up the hall, priced, worked over the weekend selling items to the public, cooked, and contributed to the trading table, cooked and ran the bbq and the morning tea, your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Many parents have put in hours and hours of work (you know who you are), but it's been a team effort all round.

Thankyou also to the many students, both past and present, who also volunteered in different ways to help our school.

We also thank the Jamestown businesses who have supported us:

Bonnie Levine, Kelly Legal and Rowes Transport and Mel and Pete Kitschke.





NUMERACY

The Importance of Talk in Learning

Language is a powerful tool for your child's learning and development. Children learn best when they can talk about their experiences, ask questions, and explain their thinking. Talking helps them make sense of new ideas, build their understanding, and deepen what they already know.

That's why discussion and conversation are an important part of the school curriculum and are embedded within our Numeracy Agreement. Teachers encourage students to share their ideas, listen to others, and learn through talking.

Maths Talk – Building Confidence in Numbers

Maths isn't just about getting the right answer—it's about understanding how and why we solve problems. **Maths Talk** is a way for children to work together, share ideas, and explain their thinking. By talking about maths, children build confidence, improve problem-solving skills, and develop a deeper understanding of numbers.

You don't need special materials or worksheets to encourage Maths Talk at home! Try simple activities like:

Odd One Out – Choose a set of numbers, shapes, or patterns and ask, Which one doesn't belong? Why?

Headline Stories – Give your child a short maths-related statement and ask, What could this be about?

Number Talks – Ask your child, How did you work that out? Can you explain it in another way?

Encouraging Maths Talk at home helps your child become more confident and capable in maths—while also making it more fun!

FLOWERS – CAN YOU HELP?

The St James Parish are looking for people to help prepare the flowers for the Altar in the Church. No experience necessary. Veronica Malone has kindly offered to meet with anyone interested to give some tips. Veronica has been doing the flowers for many years. You could choose how often you could give your time, even if it is once every 6 months. All offers will be greatly appreciated. If you could kindly RSVP to Deb McCarthy on 0409 700535 by the 9th May.

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



Tuck Roster



TUESDAY 29th APRIL

Convenor: Shona S

Worker: Not Required

Cakes: Jess A & Lauren A

MONDAY 5th MAY

Convenor: Kelly M

Worker: Colleen B

Cakes: Reg F & Hailey C

MONDAY 12th MAY

Convenor: Tash D

Worker: Suanne R

Cakes: Jaimie C

Parish Mass



SUNDAY 13th APRIL

Welcomers: Peter O

Servers: Lottie & Rosie R

SUNDAY 20th APRIL

Welcomers: Anna & Michaela S

Servers: Harriet & Teddy S, Indy F

SUNDAY 27th APRIL

Welcomers: James & Suanne R

Servers: Patrick & Tom C, Sadie R

The Southern Cross



Please click on the link for the latest Southern Cross Newsletter

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Royal Flying
Doctor Service

JAMESTOWN & DISTRICT SUPPORT GROUP



Jamestown + districts

RFDS BALL

Join us at the Royal Flying Doctor Ball:
Soar for a Cause Under the Stars!
Experience a night of elegance at the
Jamestown airstrip, supporting life
saving care in remote Australia.

7PM
3 MAY
2025 *

DANCE | DRINK | DONATE

SIR HUBERT WILKINS AERODROME JAMESTOWN

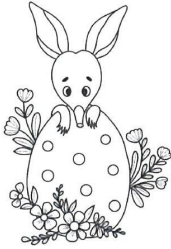
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table of 10 available through QR code
or in person at Kelly Kelly Legal



**live band + 3 course meal +
guest speaker**

Bundaleer Forest Easter Bilby Egg Hunt

In April 2024, a dedicated group of volunteers poured their hearts into reviving the beloved Bundaleer Forest Easter Bilby Egg Hunt. The event exceeded all expectations, and the organising committee was truly amazed by its incredible success!



The hunt was held as a fundraiser for the Bundaleer Forest Community Areas Association and was supported by generous sponsorship and donations from 31 South Australian businesses, including many local businesses and others from all over the state.

Approximately 800 people attended, from all over the state, and over \$700 worth of Easter Eggs were collected over the 3-hour event. Our Bilby certainly was busy!

The day also featured a variety of fun activities, including a raffle, face painting, storytelling and the colouring in competition. With a variety of drinks, chocolate and hot cross buns, this adding to the day being extra special, allowing families to spend some down time, relaxing in the beautiful natural environment that is our forest.

Thanks to our wonderful community, we were able to raise **\$4,237.00**. This money went directly towards covering the insurance costs of the Bundaleer Forest Nature Playground and Picnic Grounds, allowing these facilities to remain open to the public to enjoy throughout 2024.

This year, our biggest Easter fundraiser is a fantastic colouring competition! Your kids can enter as many times as they like, for the small fee of \$5 per entry. There are some serious prizes to be won!

Our prize packets include:

- Gift Card to participate in a TreeClimb adventure
- Family Entry to the Adelaide Zoo
- Bespoke Picnic Hamper pack

Simply *download* the colouring in page from the QR code below, print, hand it to your kids and get your kids to let loose their creativity and colours! Alternatively, you can also *collect* the colouring-in page at *Wild with Style* on the main street. To enter the competition, simply drop your submissions (make sure names and contact details are on them!), and entry fees at *Wild with Style* or *Kelly Kelly Legal*. Please note correct entry fee must be enclosed in an envelope with corresponding names on the completed colouring in and envelope.

Make sure you have your entries in by Wednesday 16th April and winners will be announced and contacted on Thursday 17th April, just in time for Easter!

Again, all money raised will be going straight back to the Bundaleer Nature Playground and Picnic Grounds to keep this treasured space open to all of us!



The Easter Bilby Egg Hunt will be back and even better on **Saturday the 4th of April 2026 – so mark your calendars!**

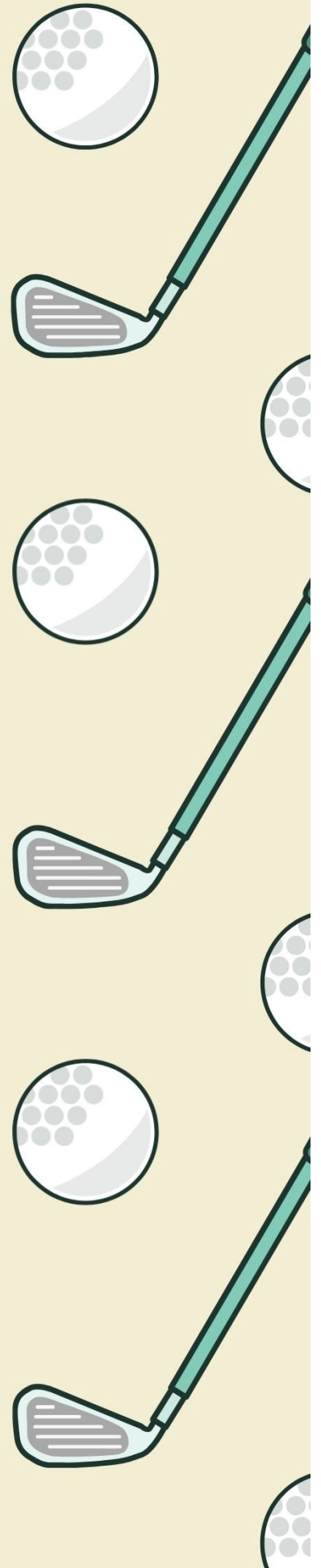
We look forward to seeing all your amazing colouring-in entries in 2025!!

Jamestown Junior Golf Clinic

Tuesday 15th April at the
Jamestown Golf Club with PGA
professional Jamie Clutterham.
Open to year 4 and older

Time & Cost: TBA

Please register your interest with
Chris Stacey on 0429655084



DANCE & CHEER

2025

is your time to shine



Port Pirie Jamestown Crystal Brook Port Broughton

For ages 2 to adults, there's something for everyone!

With recreational, performance, vocational and competitive options we have the course to fulfil your dreams.

Our passion is working with you to help you shine your very brightest.

Enrol now to put the Bounce in your step and thrive in the HHB Propelling Potential experience.

**Contact us today to
join our dance family.**

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Come and Try Futsal!



Ages 5 – 18 (2019 - 2007)

Friday 4th April 2025

5:30-6:30pm

The Big Shed

Jamestown Showgrounds

Come and try Futsal to see if you would like to play in the 2025 Season.

We play Friday nights

Season Commences on Sunday, 27th April 2025 at 2:00pm

**For more information, please email
jamestownfutsal@gmail.com**

Keep an eye out for registration details coming soon