



ST JAMES SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Issue Date 28 July 2025

OPEN WEEK. OPEN TO ALL. AUGUST 4-10



Week 2 Term 3, 2025

Important Dates

Little Jimmies -

9.30-11am

Thursday 31 July 2025

Catholic Schools

Open Week

Monday 4 August 2025

Open Day for Tours

- 11:30am - 1pm

Monday 4 August 2025

JCS Early Bus

Dismissal 2.15pm

Tuesday 5 August 2025

Soccer Carnival -

Booleroo Centre Yr

5/6

Wednesday 6 August 2025

Mary MacKillop

Feast Day-

Bundaleer Forest

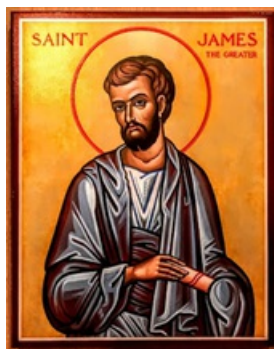
Friday 8 August 2025

Yr 1/2 Assembly

9am

Friday 15 August 2025

PRAYER AND REFLECTION



O blessed St. James,

Faithful apostle and courageous pilgrim,

*You left all behind to follow Christ
And proclaimed the Good News to the ends of the earth.
Guide our steps in this Jubilee Year,
That we may become true pilgrims of hope,
Bearing light where there is darkness,
And trust where there is fear.
Pray for us, that we may journey with joyful hearts
Toward the fullness of life in Christ.*

Amen

This Jubilee Year, Pope Francis invites us to be **Pilgrims of Hope**. People who journey forward with faith, even when the road is uncertain.

St. James, the patron saint of pilgrims, left everything behind to follow Christ. His life as a disciple and missionary shows us what it means to live with purpose and hope. He didn't always know where the road would lead, but he trusted God every step of the way.

Like St. James, we are all on a journey. Whether it be through our learning, our friendships, our challenges, and our dreams. In our school, we are pilgrims too: growing in faith, walking together, and carrying hope into our homes, communities, and the world.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

It's great to be back for Term 3, and even better to have had some more rain to freshen things up.

We started the term with a pupil free day, where our teachers engaged in professional learning with a continued focus on how we teach writing. It's all part of our ongoing commitment to helping our students become confident and capable writers.

A warm welcome to our new mid-year Receptions, Esther, Kit and Edwina, who have joined us at St James this term. We hope you've all had a wonderful start to school life. With Edwina joining our community, we also welcome her family, Sarah and Thomas. We hope you feel very welcomed and at home here.



Finally, congratulations to our new SRC representatives for Semester 2.

Reception: Callie W and Eddie L

Year 1/2: Isla M and Eddie L

Year 3/4: Gus C, Alfie H and Hugo H

Year 5/6: Frankie H, Ethel A and Colbie C

It was lovely to acknowledge and welcome them at last Friday's St James Feast Day Mass.



Here's to a great term ahead.

Martin Hayes

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

MARY MACKILLOP DAY

Next Friday, 8th August – all students from R-6 will be travelling to Bundaleer to celebrate the feast of Saint Mary MacKillop with students from St Joseph's Gladstone and St Joseph's Peterborough.

We will be hosting mass at Bundaleer at 10:30am on the day. Families and Parishioners are most welcome to join us for mass.

We thank the Parents and Friends for assisting us with lunches for all three schools on this day.

CONDOLENCES

We send our sincere condolences to

- The Case and Peacock family on the passing of Yvonne Case. Yvonne was grandmother to Alice Peacock and great grandmother to Declan, Isaac and Xavier.
- The family of Damian (Pee Wee) Clarke, a previous St James student and much-loved member of the St James Parish and Community.
- Sister Kerry Keenan, whose mother Pauline passed away recently.

Heavenly Father,

May they find peace and rest in Your eternal light.

Comfort those who grieve, and grant us strength to carry on with hope.

Surround us with Your love, and guide them safely home.

Amen.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On Sunday, students and their families attended mass in the Jamestown parish to begin their preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. If your child would like to be involved in this sacrament this year, please see Father Ranjith or Ally Kelly. For those families that collected enrolment forms, please return these to Father Ranjith or Ally Kelly as soon as possible.

KEY INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

LLL Surveys

All families should have seen the LLL (Live Learn Lead) survey for families. They were sent home last week as a hard copy and via Seesaw. These close on 22nd August. It would be great if we could get all our families to respond, as your feedback is so important to us.

PUPIL FREE DAYS

Please note the pupil free days for the remainder of the year.

- Friday 26th September, Week 10 Term 3
- Friday 12th December, Week 9 Term 4

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN WEEK - ST JAMES OPEN DAY

CESA's **Catholic Schools Open Week** is an annual event hosted by **Catholic Education South Australia (CESA)** - this year it will be held from **4–10 August**. It runs across **all Catholic schools in South Australia**, inviting families to explore what makes Catholic education unique.

At St James we are going to have an open day on Monday 4th August, from 11:30am – 1:00pm. We are inviting families and friends of existing students as well as any families and friends who are interested in seeing firsthand what makes St James so great. Everyone is invited to come along, have a tour of the school, visit the classrooms and speak with the staff and students of St James. Feel free to invite a friend to come along.

SAPSASA GOLF

Congratulations to Teddy S who was selected to participate in SAPSASA Golf this week. We wish him all the best in Adelaide. - *"Hit them straight and not too often"*

MUSIC/ART

A reminder that our Arts program has changed for this semester. We no longer have music with Paul Gibson (he will be returning next year though). The students are now doing visual arts with Ms Annie O'Reilley.

EBONY LEAVING

It's bittersweet to share that this week will be Miss Ebony Mercer's last at St James. Ebony has brought such bright energy, enthusiasm, and warmth to our staff and students. Always eager to learn and ready to jump in wherever needed, she's been a valued member of our team. Her respectful, caring approach with students has left a lasting impression. We wish her all the very best as she heads off on her next adventure in Roxby Downs. Thanks for everything, Ebony, you'll be missed!

CLASS AWARDS END OF TERM 2

At the end of last term students were presented with awards at the Year 5/6 assembly. Congratulations to the following students.

Community Award:

- Tom C
- Ava K
- Milla H

Learning Award:

- Sid C
- Felix S
- Andrew D
- Ava S

Faith Award:

- Alfie H

Excellence Award:

- Colbie C
- Sienna M
- Violet S
- Zac D

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Peewee Clarke Funeral

The Parents and Friends Committee has been asked to assist with catering for the funeral of Damian Clarke. The parish is kindly

requesting donations of sweet items (such as small cakes or slices) or small savoury pastries (such as quiches or sausage rolls). If you would like to contribute, please deliver your donations to the Learning Centre kitchen on the morning of **Tuesday, 5th August**.

Mary MacKillop Day

Thanks to Billie Thomas who has been busy organising lunch orders for the celebration of Saint Mary MacKillop's Feast Day. Thanks also to committee members who have volunteered to help cook and serve on this day. **We are asking for 8 people to cook 2 dozen cakes for the lunch packs. If you can help us, please leave your name at the front office.** Thanks in advance for your support.

LAST DAY OF TERM 2



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



Tuck Roster



MONDAY 4th AUGUST

Convenor: Kate L

Worker: Not Required

Cakes: Sara C

MONDAY 11TH AUGUST

Convenor: Suanne R

Worker: Not Required

Cakes: Emily C & Rebecca D

MONDAY 18th AUGUST

Convenor: Shona S

Worker: Not Required

Cakes: Mel H

Parish Mass



SUNDAY 3rd AUGUST

Welcomers: Greg & Reg F and Family

Servers: Indy F & Rosie R

SUNDAY 10th AUGUST

Welcomers: Adrian & Sara C

Servers: Sid C & Finn H

SUNDAY 17th AUGUST

Welcomers: Ellie S & Family

Servers: Teddy S & Tom C

The Southern Cross



Please click on the link for the latest Southern Cross Newsletter

The Southern Cross July 2025



JAMESTOWN ARTS FESTIVAL 2025 SCHOOLS – MINI MURAL COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

ENTRY FEE: \$5 per mini mural

The Jamestown Mini Mural competition is part of the Jamestown Arts Festival, which is brought to you by the Jamestown Development Assoc Inc & affiliated with 'Flinders Ranges a Brush with Art'.

Theme: "Celebrating the Past & Embracing the Future"

- **Board size: 15cm x 15cm** (available from your School for the \$5 entry fee)
- Brushes and paints supplied by artist
- Entries to be displayed at ABWA Art Beat Hub, Memorial Hall, Jamestown, 6 Sept–12 Oct 2025, 10am–4pm daily.
- Judged across age groups & you get to keep your art, which will be returned after 13 Oct, 2025

St James School – collect & return entry forms to the Front Office

Entry Form & Payment Due: Friday August 1st | Art will be collected on Friday 29th August 2025

ENTRY DETAILS: Please complete the following:

Entrant's Full Name: _____ **Age:** _____

CONSENT FORM

As you are under 18 years of age, please have your parent/guardian complete the following:

I hereby give permission for the above-named person to enter the Mini Mural Festival

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Create a meaningful keepsake, express your artistic skills and your personal connection to the theme, and have fun doing it!

Enquiries: Yvonne Woidt 0457 826 607 treasurer@jda.org.au





CRYSTAL BROOK SHOW

SHOWGROUNDS FROM 9AM

9 AUGUST 2025

crystalbrookshow.com.au



WHAT WILL YOU ENTER?

TALENT SHOW

SCARECROW COMPETITION

JUNIOR SHOWPERSON

YOUR FAVOURITE CAKE

LEMON CORDIAL

DECORATED POTATO

FAMILY TIME CAPSULE

ITEM OF UPCYCLED FABRIC

DRAWING

BLACK & WHITE PHOTO

MINIATURE GARDEN

YOUR PET REPTILE

PLATE OF SIX EGGS

BEEF CATTLE HANDLER

REGIONAL LAMB CLUB

CHALLENGE

LEAD REIN SHETLAND



