



ST JAMES SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Issue Date 12 March 2025



Week 7 Term 1, 2025

Important Dates

Project Compassion
- Pyjamas Day
Friday 14 March 2025

School Board AGM
7pm All Welcome
Monday 17 March 2025

St Josephs Feast
Day Mass
(Reception class)
9.30am
Wednesday 19 March 2025

Pop Up Op Shop
Friday 21 March 2025

Ride Safely to
School Day
Friday 21 March 2025

SACPSSA Swimming
Carnival in Clare
Friday 21 March 2025

Pop Up Op Shop,
Trading Table &
BBQ
Saturday 22 March 2025

Pop Up Op Shop
Sunday 23 March 2025

Annunciation of the
Lord Mass (Yr 1/2)
9:30am
Tuesday 25 March 2025

PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Loving God,
Help us to work together
to share what we have
so that everyone has what they need.
Help us to build a better world
where each of us can become the best person we can be.
Amen

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I can hardly believe we are already over halfway through the term! Time has flown by, and as we enter the season of Lent, it's a wonderful opportunity for reflection and growth. Let us all embrace the spirit of this sacred time, focusing on our personal journeys and the positive changes we can make in our lives.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to Fr. Harold on his 10-year anniversary as a priest. His dedication and service to our community are truly appreciated, and we are grateful for all that he does.

It was lovely to have a bit of a breather with the long weekend, and I trust that it was a chance for everyone to rest and recharge.

Yesterday, many of our staff participated in a First Aid course, ensuring that we continue to prioritise the safety and well-being of our students. It's always great to see our team engaging in professional development, enhancing their skills for the benefit of our school community.

Last Friday's Sports Day was a highlight this term! We were blessed with beautiful weather, and it was fantastic to witness the incredible sportspersonship displayed by our students throughout the day. A big thank you to our wonderful staff and parent volunteers who made the event a success – your support is always appreciated!

Martin Hayes (Acting Principal)

KEY INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

Nominations for School Board

The School Board AGM takes place next **Monday 17th March at 7:00pm**. All parents are welcome to attend. If you are interested in nominating or you wish to nominate a member of the school community, please contact the Acting Principal, Martin Hayes or the School Board Chairperson, Matt Hale.

Attached to the Newsletter email, you will find a School Board Nomination Return Slip, to be returned to the school office. We ask all parents to consider nominating a parent to join the School Board or consider nominating themselves.

Sports Day

Congratulations to all of our students on a fantastic Sports Day last Friday. The students showed great enthusiasm, determination and excellent sportsmanship. Thank you to all of our volunteers and staff for assisting in the day and helping it run so smoothly.

Well done to the following teams who won each section of the day.

Health Hustle Cup – St Josephs (Yellow)

Team Spirit Cup – St James (Red)

Sports Cup – 1st Place: St Marys (Blue) 571

2nd Place: St James (Red) 570

3rd Place: St Joseph (Yellow) 501

NAPLAN Yr. 3 & 5

NAPLAN testing for our school begins on Thursday 13th March for Year 3 and 5 students. If you have any queries, please contact our NAPLAN coordinator, Sandra Gresch.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews are planned for Week 10 on Tuesday 1st April and Wednesday 2nd April. Each family will receive an email via Operoo shortly, with information about how to book interview times. Parent Teacher Interviews will provide parents an opportunity to pass on information about their child and for class teachers to discuss how students are performing at school so far this year. Term 1 Parent Teacher Interviews are compulsory for all parents. Please make contact with the school, should you have any questions.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Project Compassion Fundraisers

Week 7 – This Friday 14th March - Pyjamas Day – Gold coin donation

Week 8 – Wednesday 19th March after Mass - Coin Charlie (Reception Class) Bring as many coins as you like

Week 9 – Wednesday 26th March - Sausage Sizzle at Lunchtime (Yr 3 /4)

Week 10 – Friday 4th April – Bake Sale (year 5/6)

Week 11 – Day TBC “Chicken Throw” at Lunchtime (year 1 /2) Gold coin donation

Please note some day changes to what was advertised in the previous newsletter.

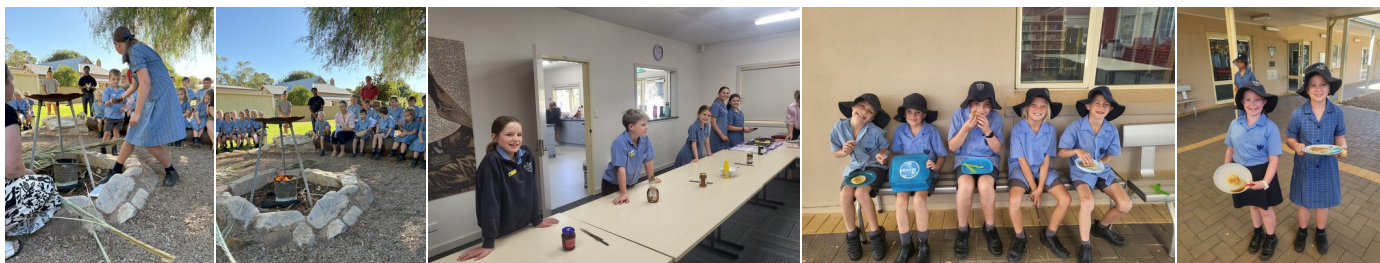
Family Mass

There will be a family mass on the weekend of the Pop Up Op Shop (Sunday 23rd March, 9am). If you think your family will be in attendance, and you or your children would like to be a part of the mass, please let Ally Kelly know. There will be coffee and scones after mass at the Op Shop.

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

Last week we gathered together as a school community to begin our journey in the season of Lent. On Tuesday, we burnt our Lenten Promises, along with the palms from last years Palm Sunday. These ashes were then used for our Ash Wednesday Mass. At this mass the sign of the cross was placed on our foreheads, as a sign that we belong to God, and that we are sorry for the times we may have done wrong.

On Tuesday, we also enjoyed delicious pancakes. Thank you to all the families that donated goods, and to Kate Lang for her assistance with the cooking.



LITERACY

Book Fair

Next week we are lucky enough to have the Scholastic Book Fair coming to our school. Children will have time to visit the fair and bring home any wish list items. Look out for ordering and purchasing details next week. We encourage you all to come along and visit and hope this builds connections between our children and our library.

Writer's Workshop

Students have been working hard during their Reading and Writing Workshops so far this term. Teachers have been working on a whole school approach to building a workshop that focuses on explicit teaching of Literacy skills, modelled reading and writing, time for independent practice of authentic writing and reflection where learning is shared.

Last week Lisa Burman returned to our school for an in-action day where she modelled writing workshops in our classrooms. She regularly noted the strong positive writing culture that is being built in our classroom and like most visitors, commented on the engagement and community centred attitudes of our students.

In Reading workshops students are building strategies to equip them to read and a love for stories. They enjoy engaging in class stories, sharing in partners and small groups and having time to independently read texts. We encourage this love of reading to be built on at home by sharing in books with your child. If they are happy to read to you – brilliant – but if they are tired after a big day we also encourage reading to your child, no matter what age.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Meeting 12th March

Our next meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY (tonight) at 6:30pm** in the Parish Hall. This will be a quick meeting to finalise the Pop-Up Op Shop organisation before we have a sorting session.

Op Shop

A big thank you to all people who have volunteered their time in the Op Shop so far. It is looking great and is almost ready to open. If you can help in working over the weekend, please let Bel Heness know.

We are also asking for donations for the trading table which is held on the Saturday morning. Items can be dropped off that morning by 8am or to the Learning Centre on Friday.

Catering Event – SATURDAY MARCH 29TH

The P&F are catering for the Northern Areas Show Association Award dinner. We are not asking parents to donate food for the event, but are looking for volunteers to help on Saturday 29th March.

Sam Catlin will prepare as much food as possible prior to the event but will still need some helpers for a morning shift and then for the night shift. We are also looking for some waitresses (happy to have some past students or year 6's that might be happy to help).

This will be a really great fundraiser for the school and a fun way to be involved so please consider helping out. If you think you can help or would like to know more, please message or call Sam on 0475 065 467.

Sports Day BBQ

Thank you to Steve Tabone and Mark Hale for cooking the Sports Day BBQ, and to Jemma Tabone, Deb Moore and Billie Thomas for running it. As always thank you to our school community for supporting our P & F.



SPORTS DAY





SPORTS DAY FAMILIES



SPORTS DAY TROPHIES



LITTLE JIMMIES PLAYGROUP

What a fantastic turn out we have had so far this term! Thank you to all of you that have joined in the fun.

Little Jimmies is open to ALL children from ages 0 – 5, running on Thursdays in even weeks this term. Feel free to follow the Little Jimmies playgroup facebook page for regular updates and information. Spread the word and we hope to see many old and new faces each fortnight from 9:30-11am.

Week 8 - Thursday 20th March

Week 10 - Thursday 3rd April



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



Tuck Roster



MONDAY 17th MARCH

Convenor: Shona S

Worker: Not Required

Cakes: Anna S

MONDAY 24th MARCH

Convenor: Tamara W

Worker: Suanne R

Cakes:

Parish Mass



SUNDAY 16th MARCH

Welcomers: Jenni-Lee & Bob C

Servers: Tom P, Hamish S & Sid C

SUNDAY 23rd March

Welcomers: Megan R & Bel Heness & Family

Servers: Frankie H

SUNDAY 30th MARCH

Welcomers: Claire S & Family

Servers: Grace S, Sadie R & Bowie S

The Southern Cross



Please click on the link for the latest Southern Cross Newsletter

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ST JAMES SCHOOL

TRADING TABLE

All proceeds will go towards
St James classroom learning resources
and P&F projects

SATURDAY, 22ND MARCH 2025
ST JAMES PARISH HALL

To ensure the trading table is a great success we are
asking for donations of baked goods.

Please label all baked goods with ingredients and deliver to
the St James kitchen on Friday, 21st March or drop to the
the table on Saturday morning.

Please contact Sarah Pammenter on 0419 832 036 if you
have any questions.

2025 is your time to shine at Hip Hop Bounce



**You are invited to join us at our studio at the
RSL Clubrooms in Jamestown!**

With the exclusive HHB syllabus, you can learn multiple
styles of dance in one easy, great value class

- ★ **Street** = Hip Hop + Funk + Breakdance
- ★ **Studio** = Jazz + Ballet + Contemporary
- ★ **Studio-Street** = Hip Hop + Jazz + Funk
- ★ **Bounce All Stars** = Tumble + Cheer + Pom
- ★ **Minis (4-5 yrs)** = Street + Studio + Bounce All Stars
- ★ **Little Bouncer Club (2-3yrs)** = Street + Studio + Bounce All Stars



Also in Jamestown

- ★ Teacher-Training
- ★ Local mid-year performance
- ★ With even more options available
at HHBHQ, Port Pirie

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.

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very brightest.

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