



ST JAMES SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Issue Date 9 December 2024



Week 9 Term 4, 2024

Important Dates

WEEK 9

Monday 9 December 2024

Thanksgiving Mass
and Yr 6 Graduation
- 5.45pm

Tuesday 10 December 2024

Splash Day
Excursion at
Jamestown Pool -
11am to 1pm

Wednesday 11 December
2024

Last Day of School
Year - Casual
Clothes Day

Thursday 12 December 2024

Advent Liturgy -
9am

Thursday 12 December 2024

Pupil Free Day -
Last Day for Staff
Friday 13 December 2024

First Day for
students - Term 1
2025

Tuesday 28 January 2025

PRAYER AND REFLECTION



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of the school year and prepare to celebrate the joy of Christmas, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your support and dedication to our school community. This year has been filled with many blessings, and we are grateful for the continued partnership between families, staff, and students.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Over the past few weeks, several of our Year 6 students put themselves forward for the role of school captain. They worked hard preparing their speeches, presented them confidently to the entire school, and then faced an interview with Miss Parisotto and myself. I want to commend each nominee for their dedication and effort throughout this process. From my perspective, all of them demonstrated excellent preparation and were deserving of the role. While only two students can be selected as school captains, we have also appointed students to other important leadership positions.

The successful senior leadership students are:

School Captains: Bentley Clapp & Indy Farr

Vice Captains / Mission Leaders: Sophie Broad & Hamish Simpson

Sports Leaders: Tom Pammenter & Flynn Thomas

Eco-Leaders (Name TBD): Sid Clark & Finn Home

Library Leader: Rosie Richmond

Our goal is to nurture the leadership potential in all students. Every student, regardless of year level or title, has the opportunity to lead, and we look forward to seeing these qualities grow throughout the year.

We thank this semester's SRC leaders. They will be presented with certificates on the last day of school at our Advent liturgy on Thursday 12th December at 9am.

May this Christmas season bring peace, love, and joy to your homes. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year, ready to continue our journey together.

Wishing you a blessed and merry Christmas!

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Christmas Eve Mass will take place at 7:00 PM in Jamestown. As is the parish tradition, the children will act out the Gospel story. If you plan to attend the Mass and your child/ren would like to participate, please inform Annie O'Reilley. There will be a rehearsal on Monday, December 23rd, at 9:30 AM.

ADVENT LITURGY

As a school we continue to prepare for Christmas in celebrating the season of Advent. We will join in prayer on Thursday at 9:00am in the Learning Centre.

GIVING TREE

A big thank you to all the families for their generous donations! It's wonderful to see the tree filled with gifts. All donations will be delivered to Port Pirie on Friday, December 13th, so there is still time to contribute if you wish.

The Mini Vinnies used the last of their funds to purchase additional items from Jamestown businesses to add to the tree. We would like to thank Jamestown Newsagency, Rynne's Hardware, Jamestown Pharmacy, and Bohdi Zen for their generosity when the students came to make their purchases.



SCHOOL NEWS

WELCOME

We warmly welcome to our school the Walter family who began their time here at St James last week. We wish Callie and Elsie both an amazing journey here filled with learning, laughter and fun.

LAST DAY OF TERM

It is hard to believe that we have reached the last week of the school year. Just a reminder that the students have a pupil free day on Friday 13th December. The last day of school for students will be Thursday 12th December, and students can wear casual clothes on this day.

SPLASH DAY

Just a reminder that students will be going to the Jamestown Swimming Pool this Wednesday for Splash Day from 11am until 1pm. Students will walk to and from the pool.

Students can wear their bathers underneath their sports uniform to school on Wednesday.

Parents are welcome to assist with supervision at the pool if they wish.

STUDENT REPORTS

Student reports will be sent home this Wednesday, 11th December. Should parents wish to meet with their child's teacher about the reports, Teachers will be available until Thursday 12th December. If your child's report does not make it home this Wednesday, please contact the office.

2025

The new school year begins for students on Tuesday 28th January. Sports Uniform Days will continue to be on Wednesday's and Friday's.

FAREWELL TO FAMILIES

For some of our families, this week will be the last time they have a child attending St James. We would like to wish farewell to the following families,

- The Kotaras Family - (Adam and Jess),
- The Low Family (Natalie and Dale)
- The Duke Family (Vanessa and Adam)
- The McCarthy Family (Bern and Adrian)
- The Thompson Family (Jodie and Craig)
- The Sutter Family (Jed and Kerry).

and thank them for everything that they have done for St James during the time their child/ren have been students here.

STAFFING UPDATE

Teaching Staff for Term 1 2025	
Acting Principal	Martin Hayes
APRIM	Alison Kelly
Yr. 5/6 Class	Georgia Taylor (nee Parisotto)
Yr. 3 /4 Class (Mon – Thurs.)	Zack Taylor
Yr. 1/2 Class	Minnesotta Cheriton
Reception Class	Ellie Stacey
Reception Class	Claire Sheridan
Auslan/Well-Being/Inclusive Education	Sandra Gresch
Arts, PE & Yr. 3 /4 Class (Tues/Wed/Friday)	Annie O'Reilley

WEEK 9 – What to wear this week

Tuesday – PE Uniform during school day and then Traditional Summer Uniform for Thanksgiving Mass

Wednesday – PE uniform with bathers underneath

Thursday – Casual Day

BOOK PACKS

In the past we have prepared individual book packs of stationery for the 2025 classes, which parents collect at the end of the year and cover over the holidays.

This year, class teachers have decided not to send home packs. They will have the bulk supply in their classrooms and will prepare labels and cover them with the children in the classrooms.

A plastic envelope will be sent home, with forms to be completed, in preparation for next year. These can be returned to the office either this week or on day one.

GRADUATION NIGHT

REMINDER ABOUT GRADUATION NIGHT

Just a reminder that this Tuesday evening 10th December is our Thanksgiving Mass and Graduation Night. Please don't forget to bring a salad to share (nut free).

- 5:45pm – Students to meet class teachers in classrooms
- 6:00pm – Mass in Church
- 7:00pm - Shared meal.
- 7:30pm – Year 6 Graduation in Church Hall, End of year awards and Thank You's.
- 8:00pm – 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.

AUSLAN

As we come to the end of the second-year learning Auslan at St James we acknowledge and congratulate our students' achievements and progress.

Auslan is not just about learning the signs for words, it has its own grammatical rules that usually start with the subject and ends with the verb. English on the other hand follows the Subject-Verb Object structure.

Auslan also relies on a combination of hand shapes, orientation (direction of your palm and hand in relation to your body), movements, and facial expression to deliver messages. Facial expressions are an important part of the Auslan language, they convey feelings, emphasis, and demonstrates whether a question is being asked, or a statement is being made.

Our students in years 4-6 have been working on writing a Christmas story which they will translate from traditional English to Auslan sign (using correct grammatical structures).



LOST PROPERTY

Please take a look through the lost property as there are lots of hats, jumpers and containers.

SWIMMING LESSONS



MOCK WEDDING

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Zack Taylor and Georgia Parisotto, who will be married during the holidays. Today, the students enjoyed a special celebration in honour of this joyous occasion. We wish Georgia and Zack all the best on their wedding day and in their life together.





JAMESTOWN CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Thank you to all the students that participated in our Wizard of Oz themed pageant float on Sunday 1st December. Thank you to all the parents, teachers and ESO's that assisted us to put the float together.



PARENTS AND FRIENDS

POP UP OP SHOP

Are you having a clean out before Christmas? The hall will be open on Wednesday 11th from 9:30 - 3 for anyone wanting to drop off donations. If during the holidays you would like to off load any items, please text Annie 0417870611 to arrange a time for drop off.

CAROLS IN THE PARK

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On Sunday 15th December, students from St James School will be singing at the local Carols in the Park at the Memorial Park in Jamestown. If your child would like to join the choir singing, please return the form via Operoo, or let Ms Annie O'Reilley or Miss Georgia Parisotto know as soon as possible.

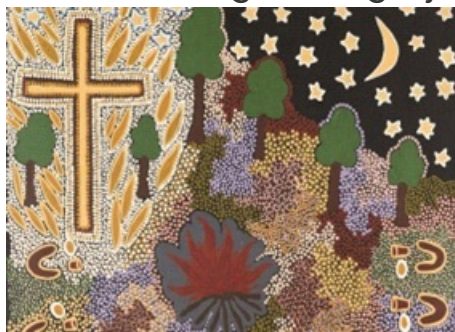
ENROLMENTS - 2025

Enrolments are open for the beginning of 2025 and for the 2025 Mid Year Intake. Please contact the school and register your interest and book a discovery school tour.

Children who turn 5 on or before 30th April can begin school in Term 1 of 2025.



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



Tuck Roster



TUESDAY 28th JANUARY

Convenor: Shona S

Worker: Not Required

Cakes: Mel H

MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY

Convenor: Colleen B

Worker: Not Required

Cakes: Belinda T

MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY

Convenor: Suanne R

Worker: Not Required

Cakes: Dette C

Parish Mass



SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER

Welcomers: Bec S & Evan W

Servers: Frankie H, Zoe K, Bowie S

SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER

Welcomers: Greg & Regina F & Family

Servers: Grace S, Sadie R, Indy F

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BE COOL IN THE POOL THIS SUMMER

*online memberships
now available!*

— MEMBERSHIP PRICES —

Family Membership **\$100**

Single Adult Membership **\$50**

Student Membership **\$30**

JAMESTOWN POOL OPENS NOV 3rd, 2024

For more information and to purchase visit...
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HOLIDAY SWIM

ENROLMENTS OPEN
NOW

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SURVIVE

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Community Development & Tourism
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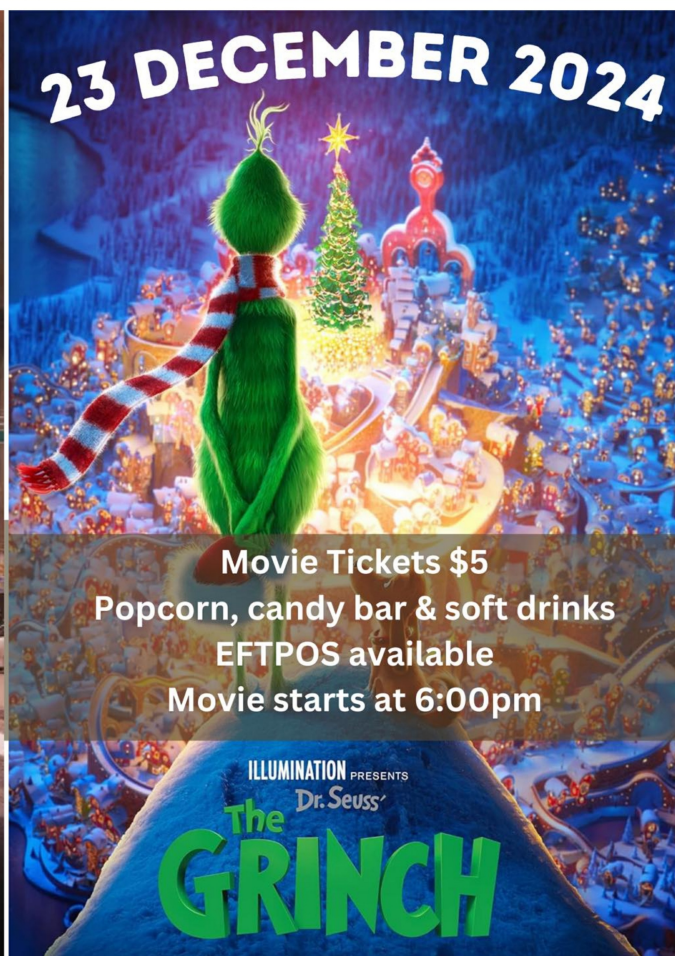
📍 **Booleroo Centre town hall**

Check out our facebook page for more info! 

16TH DECEMBER 2024



23 DECEMBER 2024





squids

swim school



Child must be 5 or over and have completed Level 2 Holiday Swim Program or the equivalent:

- Float on front and back and recover
- Glide on front and back, kick and recover
- Swim 5 metres basic freestyle
- Be able to submerge head in water and blow bubbles
- Swim without the aid of a parent in the pool

5.30pm - 6pm & 6pm - 6.30pm on Tues or Thurs nights
from Tuesday December 10th, 2024

5 Swimmers x 2 Sessions x Tues or Thurs = 20 places

Waiting list will apply after places are filled
(please fill in as we may add another session if demand calls for it)

Registrations ARE NOW OPEN
via www.jamestownswim.com.au

If you would like further information please
contact Tracey Dewell on 0427 88 11 04
or jamestownswimming@gmail.com

**7 WEEKS OF
1/2 HR LESSONS
ON TUES OR THURS
FROM 5.30 - 6.30PM**

Starting Tues 10th Dec - Thurs 19th Dec.
Christmas Break then...
Returning Jan 21 - Feb 20th,
2025

COST =
POOL SEASON HOLDERS
\$70
WITHOUT SEASON PASS
\$105

