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*"Seeking the Spirit
Learning to Love
Loving to Learn
Living Life to the Full"*

DATES TO REMEMBER

April

- Thurs 19 First Eucharist Parent Formation- 2pm or 7.30pm SJM
Fri 20 Open Day – Tours at 9am and 10am
Sat 21 First Eucharist Medal Presentation 6pm SJM
Sun 22 First Eucharist Medal Presentation 9.45 SJM
Mon 23 P & F Meeting 9am
Tues 24 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY – Staff Professional Development
Wed 25 ANZAC Day – School Closed
Thurs 26 Confirmation Retreat Day – Yr 6
Confirmation Information Night for Yr 6 parents 7.30pm
Fri 27 District Soccer Day – selected Yr 5 & 6 students
Year 3 Excursion – Werribee Zoo
Sun 29 Parish Family Mass 9.45am SJM

May

- Tues 1 Pastoral Care Group 9am SJV
Year 2 Excursion – Melbourne Zoo
Open Evening for Prep 2019 parents 7.30 – 8.30pm
Wed 2 Marathon Club begins 7.45am
Education Board meeting 6.15pm
Thurs 3 Food Day
Fri 4 Lapathon
Interschool Sport – Round 1
Fri 4 – Wed 9 Book Fair
Sat 5 Yr 3 Level Mass – Presentation of Lord's prayer 6pm SJV
Tues 8 Year 6 to meet Bishop SJM
Wed 9 Open Day – Tours at 9am and 10am
Fri 11 Mother's Day stall
P & F Mothers' Day Celebration
Interschool Sport
Sat 12 Confirmation 1pm or 3pm
Sun 13 Mothers' Day
Mon 14 Family Week - Grandparents' Day
Tues 15 NAPLAN – Yrs 3 & 5
Wed 16 NAPLAN – Yrs 3 & 5
Thurs 17 NAPLAN – Yrs 3 & 5
First Eucharist Formation – 2pm or 7.30pm SJM
Fri 18 Interschool Sport
Mon 21 Yr 5 Camp – Sovereign Hill

Dear Families,



I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing break and were able to celebrate Holy Week and Easter events either with our St John's Parish or wherever you went away to. The final week of term one provided a great opportunity for learning to be shared, celebrated and discussed by students, parents and teachers. Hopefully, all three parties have a common understanding of the future direction or learning goals set for term two and the next stages of learning, from the Learning Conferences.

Thank you to our wonderful Parents and Friends' workers who organised the end of term BBQ. What a great way to celebrate together and enjoy each others' company on Holy Thursday afternoon.

Please note, as published last term, we are trialling a few changes to our newsletter which take effect today

- Newsletter day is now Monday
- Newsletters will be circulated each Fortnight (usually odd weeks of the term)
- Update information news sheets will be distributed each alternate week (usually even weeks of term)
- Later in the term we will publish the newsletter in a different format



Please remember that next week there are no classes on Tues 24 or Wed 25 April

- **Tuesday 24th - School Closure Day**
- **Wednesday 25th - ANZAC Day**



Lest We Forget.

As we have done in the last few years, we have accepted an invitation to lay a wreath during the local ANZAC Day service. You are most welcome to come along, and, ideally, children are asked to wear their school uniform. A couple of students who are able to come will lay the wreath on behalf of all of us. We will aim to gather in front of the memorial, closest to Mitcham Road. Please let Carmel know if you plan to be there. The service lasts for about 45 minutes and is followed by a Gunfire breakfast provided by the Mitcham Bowling Club. Two – up will follow the meal.

We will celebrate ANZAC Day at school on Thursday 26 April at 10.40am lead by our Year 5 students. Parents are welcome to join us here at St James for this celebration. Students are encouraged to bring a flower from your garden to lay around the flagpole during the ceremony. On Friday 20 April, a representative group of St James students will join other schools to commemorate ANZAC Day at the Shrine of Remembrance with Mrs Carmel Foster. It is a time to show our patriotic pride, remember and reflect on what it means to 'Be a Great Citizen' - see attachment.

Uniform Update: For the next few weeks we will have a transition period from Summer to Winter Uniform. Parents may choose for their children to wear the most appropriate uniform to match the weather, either Summer or Winter. In summary, both uniforms are acceptable, provided they are worn correctly.



Lapathon

This week, children will come home with the sponsor form for our annual Lapathon. We are planning to launch at 9:00am on Friday 4 May, where you are welcome to join us. Prep - Year 2 students will aim to walk 5 laps of the school grounds, whilst other classes will aim for 10 laps. Money raised will be used for new post pads on the poles in both Adventure Playgrounds, along with a new sandpit cover.

The forms include some 'Do and Don'ts' about collecting sponsors.

Grandparents' Day

This year we are celebrating Family Week by inviting our grandparents to school. We are sending home **two invitations per family** this week to send onto grandparents and / or special friends to come along to St James on the morning of Monday 14 May. You can print more, if you need too. There will be time to visit classrooms, visit 'Nonna's' or 'Yaya's' Cafe for a cuppa, join in an assembly - hosted by our Prep classes and enjoy a BYO Shared Lunch with their grandchildren - all, hopefully, basking in sunshine!



Mothers' Day Breaky

This is the last call for any interested dads, grandpas or partners who are interested in being part of a team to have a Mothers' Day breakfast on Friday 11 May. Please contact Paul Chalkley: chalkleyp@gmail.com by the end of this week, when a decision will be made if we have enough interested people to go ahead.

Staffing News:

We welcome **Anita Boopathy** to our staff team. Anita is a Master of Counselling student at Monash University who will be working with us at St James on Wednesdays. Anita will work with classes, small groups and individuals in a similar way to our current Learning Support Officers.

2019 Enrolments: We assume that we now have Enrolment Forms from all siblings who are looking for Prep enrolment, starting in 2019. We have approximately 40 enrolments so far, with limited places available.



Upcoming **Open Day tours** are at 9am and 10am on:

- Friday 20 April
- Wednesday 9 May

Our **Open Information Evening** is on Tuesday 1 May 7.30 - 8.30pm.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE: Going forward, Parish Masses at St James on a **Thursday will start at 10:20.**

Dave Mutimer

School News

FARM NEWS:

WEEKEND FARM DUTY: DOWDS (1D & 3P)

Thank you so much!

EGGS ARE \$5 PER DOZEN.....



Student News



Congratulations to Lucy (5F) who received two awards from the East Doncaster Little Athletics Club; 1st place U11 Age group and also the Gold attendance award (97.96% attendance). Well done Lucy!



Open Day

Sunday 20 May

A Presentation and Tour begins at:

- 10.00am
- 12.00pm

Registration is essential.
Please visit www.whitefriars.vic.edu.au

WHITEFRIARS

CATHOLIC COLLEGE FOR BOYS

Investing in your son's future is a decision not to be undertaken lightly, which is why you need to visit Whitefriars College.

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- Tour our facilities
- Watch our boys compete in sport
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We look forward to seeing you at Whitefriars College.



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ROCK UP NETBALL

TRAIN

A DIFFERENT WAY TO PLAY

JOIN IN, GET SOCIAL AND ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE.



VENUE: Sportlink, Vermont South
DATE: Friday 20th April to Friday 4th May
TIME: 10.30 to 11.30am
REGISTER: rockupnetball.com.au
COST: \$8.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION
ROCKUPNETBALL.COM.AU OR 9321 2222



KNOX BMX

YOUR CHANCE TO TRY BMX



5th May 2018

11am – 12.30pm

Knox BMX Track

Bunjil Way, Knoxfield

Knox BMX is a beginner friendly track. Please wear pants and a long sleeve top. Bikes and gear will be available to borrow. This is a free event.





BEING GREAT CITIZENS!

At St James we have a commitment to teaching our children what it means to be an Australian Citizen. We have devised this statement which details this commitment.

At St James we are committed to creating an environment which supports the development of effective Australian citizens, who have an awareness of the values and systems which underpin our democracy.

We strive to ensure that our children develop the following:

- An understanding of, commitment to Australia's democratic system of government, law and civic life.
- The capacity to clarify and critically examine values and principles that underpin Australia's democracy and the ways in which these contribute to a fair and just society and a sustainable future. These values / principles include –Care and Compassion, Doing Your Best, A Fair Go, Freedom, Honesty and Trustworthiness, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion; all which rest comfortably in our Catholic ethos.
- The knowledge, skills and values that support active citizenship and the capacity to act as informed and responsible citizens.
- An appreciation of the experiences and heritage of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their influence on Australian Civic Identity and society.
- An appreciation of the uniqueness and diversity of Australia as a multicultural society and a commitment to supporting intercultural understandings within the context of Australian democracy.
- An understanding of the ways in which citizens and governments contribute to environmental sustainability in local to global contexts and a commitment to adopting values, behaviour and lifestyles required for a sustainable future.
- An appreciation of the influence of media, information and communication technologies on the views and actions of citizens and governments.
- An understanding of historical perspectives on Australia's development as a democratic nation.
- An understanding of the ways in which governance structures from other countries are similar to or differ from democracy in Australia.

P & F Newsletter

Wednesday April 18th 2018



Welcome to Term & Thanks

Welcome to Term 2! We hope that you and your family had a wonderful Easter Break. The P&F have some fabulous events planned for the St James Community. Our biggest event being our Major Fundraiser which will be held on Saturday the 23rd of June. Our Grade 1 Champions have a great night planned. Flyers containing all the details will be sent home soon.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Jacqui Ackland for running our Hot Cross Bun fundraiser and Nicole, Christine and Lynette for organising our end of Term BBQ.

Auskick starts this Saturday the 21st of April! If your child participates in Auskick at St James, please consider helping out with the Auskick Tuckshop. Details are below.



Friday Treats

We've packed away the icy poles and from Friday this week we will be selling Lamington Fingers at afternoon recess. We require two helpers each week for 30 minutes. If you can, please sign up at

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/TRYQD>

Auskick Tuckshop—Starts Saturday 21st of April

This year our Prep Champions are running the Auskick Tuckshop. We need volunteers to serve food and cook the BBQ each Saturday during the Auskick season. We would also love any donations of freshly cooked cakes, slices and biscuits. Last year the Auskick Tuckshop raised lots of money for our school but also for equipment for the Auskick kids. Auskick only gets a small amount of money from the Auskick fees you pay to the AFL. So the BBQ and cake stall is a great way to raise money for equipment. If you can help Fabe run this Tuckshop in 2018. Please sign up at www.volunteersignup.org/TMF73

For further information, please contact Fabe via the P&F email address p&f@sjvermont.catholic.edu.au

Entertainment Books

The Entertainment Book Memberships are coming! This year they are packed with great family value. Books are arriving the week of the 30th April. Each family will have the opportunity to take one home to have a look at. If you wish to purchase either a book or a digital membership fill out the form or order online using the link below. If you don't want to order the book, please return to the office via your class tub, ASAP. Just one or two uses can pay for the book!

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/186265m>



April

Saturday 21st

Auskick Starts

Monday 30th

Entertainment Books

June

Saturday 23rd

P&F Major Fundraiser



The P&F Major Fundraiser is coming up fast! Make sure you SAVE THE DATE and BOOK THE BABYSITTER for our adult only event on Saturday the 23rd of June.



BBQ and
Introduction Session
on Saturday 14 April
2018 at 10AM



KICKING-OFF

OUR 2018 ST JAMES AUSKICK SEASON

Everyone's welcome!

St James Vermont Auskick kicks off for 2018 on Saturday 14 April 2018. Auskick is a great way for kids to get involved in footy in a fun and friendly environment. We run the St James Auskick Clinic on the Fr Kevin Dillon Oval at St James Vermont on Saturday mornings.

We welcome and encourage both boys and girls participation.

We run groups that cater for Auskickers in Kinder, Prep, Grade 1 and above. (Please note that children need to at least turn 5 years of age in the 2018 calendar year in order to be eligible to enrol.)

When does the season start?

Saturday 14 April 2018 for a bbq, kick on the oval and chance to meet the coaches and hear about the plans for the season.

The first Auskick session is scheduled for Saturday 21 April 2018 and the season runs until 18 August 2018. Auskick sessions run for roughly an hour, commencing at 10 AM each Saturday morning excluding school holidays and public holiday weekends.

Where: Fr Kevin Dillon Oval, St James

Primary School Vermont (Centre Road, Vermont 3133)

How do I register?

Registrations for Auskick are done online through AFL Victoria via the following link www.aflauskick.com.au.

Use the Centre finder to register for St James Auskick Vermont.

The cost of Auskick for the 15 week season is \$96.

Got questions or want to help out? St James Auskick is run by volunteers from our school community. Anyone who has any questions about Auskick or would like to volunteer or help out with the P&F Auskick Tuckshop please contact Chris Harvey (son Joseph in 2D) – stjamesauskick@yahoo.com.au

We look forward to welcoming you down to the oval to join the fun!