



# St James Primary School

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

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### February

- Mon 5 Prep children begin school 8:50 -1:00pm  
P & F Morning Tea 9:00am
- Wed 7 **NO PREPS TODAY**
- Fri 9 Welcome Prayer Service/ Presentation of badges to leaders  
'Clapping In' Ceremony 9am
- Sun 11 Founders Day Mass 11.15am SJM
- Mon 12 Preps full time 8.50 – 3.20pm  
P & F Morning Tea 9:00am
- Tues 13 Burning of Palms 10.45am SJV  
Shrove Tuesday  
Parent Information Night in classrooms 7pm
- Wed 14 Ash Wednesday - Mass 12noon (Preps welcome)  
**NO PREPS TODAY**
- Thurs 15 Food Day
- Sun 18 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent
- Tues 20 School Photos
- Wed 21 **NO PREPS TODAY**  
District Swimming Carnival –selected Yrs 3 -6 students at Aquarena
- Thurs 22 Helen Carboon 5pm or 7pm SJM (Prep Parents)
- Sun 25 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Parish Family Mass 9.45am SJM
- Feb 26 Yr 5 & 6 Parent Information Night re Camp
- Wed 28 **NO PREPS TODAY**

### March

- Thurs 1 Open Day – Tours at 9am and 10am
- Fri 2 P & F Cinema Night
- Sat 3 Confirmation Enrolment Rite – Year 6 6pm SJM
- Sun 4 Confirmation Enrolment Rite – Year 6 9.45am SJM
- Mon 5 Division Swimming Carnival – selected Yr 3-6 students
- Tues 6 Open Day – Tours at 9am and 10am  
Literacy Parent Information Session 2: 9 – 10.30am, 7pm – 8.30pm  
P & F Meeting 7.30pm
- Wed 7 PREPS HERE TODAY!
- Thurs 8 First Eucharist Parent Information Evening 7.30pm SJM
- Fri 9 **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY** – Staff Professional Development
- Mon 12 **Labour Day – School Closed**
- Tues 13 – Fri 16 Year 6 Camp – Lake Nillahcootie



Dear Families,



Welcome to the 2018 school year! After my appointment back in October last year, I am very excited to finally “officially” join the St James Community, as part of our St John’s Parish. We have had two very productive days as a staff and welcome our students in Years 1 - 6 back to school today. We send out a special welcome to all new families and staff members ( **Cassie Pascoe: Yr3P, Eileen Stewart: Physical Education and Sport, Revina Alford: Learning Support Officer and Claire Feild** returning from maternity leave, working in the Year 4 area) joining us.

We welcome our new students: **Christabel (Yr 1), Josh (Yr2), Devina (Yr2), Safina (Yr 1), Sofia (Yr 3), Liam (Yr 5), Georges (Yr 1), Connor (Yr 5) and Zac (Yr4).**

It was great to see so many parents at assembly this morning and then in the Community Centre for a cuppa afterwards. Thank you to our wonderful P & F for organising the cuppa.

The partnership we share in educating your children is essential. Together we will develop them in academic, social, emotional, physical and spiritual ways. To ensure that your child has the optimum opportunity of this all occurring, it is essential that a partnership involving trust, mutual respect and open communication exists. I encourage all parents to get involved in school life when you can, and communicate with us, particularly with your child’s class teacher.



We are all looking forward to our **Parent Information Sessions** on Tuesday 13 February.

7.00 - 7.40pm: Session #1 in the classrooms

7.45 - 8.10pm: Whole school information session in the Community Centre

8.15 - 8.55pm: Session #2 (repeat of session #1) to allow families to visit more than one child’s room.

**Communication Procedures:** The first port of call should always be with your child’s class teacher. If this requires exploration, then an appointment can be made with a relevant leader of the school, including myself.

Staff are available for communication via email or phone. Please remember that staff have teaching duties as well as personal lives so do not expect an immediate response. We will however, reply ASAP.



**Founders’ Day/Opening of the School Year Mass: Sunday 11 February 11.15am.** This is our first opportunity to come together as a school in the parish community and celebrate. All students are expected to attend our St John’s church to also welcome in our 2018 school year.

**School Uniform:** Please support the staff and your children by insisting that they wear the correct uniform to school each day. We will be having a specific focus on wearing the correct footwear on the correct days (ie runners only on Phys Ed and sports days). When Marathon Club commences, we will trial the practice of participating students wearing their sports uniform and runners for the day.



**Mobile Phones:** Please be aware that should your child need to bring a mobile phone to school, the process is that it is dropped off at the office before school and collected on the way home. Mobile phones are not to be used by students during the school day.

**School Photos:** Tuesday 20 February. All students must be in the correct Summer Uniform. Envelopes and further information regarding orders will come home next week.



**Dress:** Clean and tidy as per school uniform  
**Hair:** Neat and swept off face

**Parents and Friends’ Meeting:** Our first meeting of the year will be on **Monday 12 February**. All parents are welcome to attend this meeting, commencing after a 9.00am cuppa, in the Community Centre.

**Food Day:** Kylie Brooks - Verberne is totally organised and is sending out Order Forms (and instructions for new families!) next Monday, 5th February, for ‘Subway’ orders for our first Food Day; planned for **Thursday 15 February**.

Thanks everyone for the warm welcome,

Regards,

Dave Mutimer

**Principal**

## Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Johnson family –Karen, Rhett, Paris, Levi (6F) and Lily (1J) on the death of Karens father, Frank Aldag. May he rest in peace.

## Parish News

### RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST ENROLMENT FOR 2018

If you believe your child is ready to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist in 2018 then please call the Parish office on the number below to make a time to meet me and to collect an enrolment form - Remember this needs to be done **before February 16th** as enrolments close and forms are due back then.

If you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to call or email me on 9873 1341 or Maree.OKeefe@cam.org.au

## Education in Faith

A warm welcome to the new school year, particularly to our new staff, students and their families who are joining the St James community. 2018 brings with it many exciting challenges and we are encouraged to share the Good News of Jesus in all we say and do.

*Father,*

*You call us together at the beginning of this new school year.*

*Thank you for the energy and spirit renewed in us over the summer.*

*We thank you for the time to enjoy our family and friends  
and to reflect on what is important in our lives.*

*Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love so that,  
with the inspiration of your Spirit, we may continue to grow in our faith.*

*May we always be alert to opportunities to see and serve you in those around us.*

*Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring laughter, joy and love to others.*

*Amen*

### **Important Term 1 dates for the diary....**

Throughout the year, there will be many opportunities to gather together to celebrate our Catholic faith and we hope to see you at as many of these celebrations as possible. Parents and carers are invited to gather with us in the Community Centre:

#### **Year Level Mass Roster**

*Thursdays 9:15am*

WEEK	TERM ONE	Classes attending
2.	8 Feb	6N, 6F
3.	15 Feb	5F, 5P
4.	22 Feb	4B, 4C
5.	1 March	3P, 3W
6.	8 March	2D, 2VH
7.	15 March	1J, 1D
8.	22 March	PK, PO
9.	29 March	<b>HOLY THURSDAY No Mass @ SJV</b>

#### **Prayer Services**

*Fridays 9:00am*

WEEK	TERM ONE	Classes attending
2.	9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Clapping In Ceremony/Badges
4.	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	General
6.	9 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 3- Reconciliation
8.	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Yr 2- Lent
9..	29 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 4- Holy Week
T2. Wk 1	20 <sup>th</sup> April	Yr 6N- EASTER

### **To All Families- YOU'RE INVITED!**

Please come along to **St John's Church, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February @ 11:15am** to celebrate and give thanks for....

- all the Founding members of our Parish

- Blessings on all of us for our year ahead with it also being the Opening of the School Year Mass

## School News

### SCHOOL FEES FOR 2018

Thank you to the many families who have returned their 2018 School Fee Commitment forms and direct debit and Nab Transact forms. As the regular payments all commence in February, it would be appreciated if all forms are returned to the office as soon as possible.

**A note of confirmation for any direct payment (with the commencing date and amount) will be sent home shortly so please, if you have forwarded direct payment forms and don't receive one please ring the office.**

2018 School Accounts will be sent home via the classroom tubs next week. Wherever possible this year, receipts will be emailed.

Any queries, please call Maree in the office 9874 1830.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Welcome to the 2018 school year! My name is **Eileen Stewart** and I am the new PE and Sports Teacher at St James. I am looking forward to getting to know all of the wonderful students and parents at St James. As usual we have many sporting events this year. The Twilight Sports has been changed to Term 4 this year to allow the preps to settle into the school environment.

The first event coming up is District Swimming on **Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup>** at Aquarena. St. James' students from Year 3-6 are invited to be part of the 2018 Swimming Team. Interested students will need to select events they want to participate in plus submit their personal best time for each event **by Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup>**. The times submitted need to be swum over 50m. Students may also be selected to be part of a freestyle or medley relay so it is recommended that students write down times for all events. Selected students can participate in 2 individual events plus a relay. Selected students will compete in the District Swimming Carnival on **Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup>** at Doncaster Aquarena, 10am-2pm. Students will be informed of their selection on Monday February 12<sup>th</sup> and will be sent a note home. Please send me a note or email stating the events your child is interested in and their times over 50m. Please email myself if you have questions or queries [estewart@sjvermont.catholic.edu.au](mailto:estewart@sjvermont.catholic.edu.au)  
I look forward to a fantastic year of PE and Sport at St James.

### FARM NEWS:

1. A huge thank you to the following families who braved the heat and cared for the chooks. I hope you were rewarded with lots of eggs! Thanks for watering the passionfruit vines too – they have grown heaps and we have some passionfruits as well!

EVANS, ACKLAND, DOWDS, PETRUZZIELLO, ZHANG, BROOKS, JOHNSON, TILLIG, BAPTISTA, SKERRY AND WURSTHORN FAMILIES!!

2. If you would like to have a turn at caring for the animals on a weekend, please email [wephgrave@sjvermont.catholic.edu.au](mailto:wephgrave@sjvermont.catholic.edu.au) Just let me know if there are any particular weekends when you are not available. It is a really easy job and is great fun for the kids to collect warm eggs from the nests. Keys and instructions come home on a Friday night. New families most welcome!



## IT NEWS:

1. **PHOTO PERMISSION FORMS:** Will come home on Friday. Just a reminder, that if you do not give permission, your child's photo cannot appear in our school newsletter or local newspaper.
2. **NEW STUDENT USER AGREEMENTS WILL COME HOME NEXT WEEK.**
3. **PARENT EMAIL ADDRESSES:** In order to streamline the process of all classroom teachers receiving **correct parent email addresses**, we request the following:
  - Send an email to the class teacher **from the email address that you want the teacher to use**
  - In the **subject box**, please type **your child's first and last name**
  - In the main body of the email, type the **name of both parents**
  - If you have more than one child, you will need to email each classroom teacher separately
  - If you want classroom emails to go to two different email addresses, you will need to send from both of these email addresses. Thank you.

### **Teacher email addresses are below**

Prep K – Andrea Kinsella – [akinsella@sjvermont.catholic.edu.au](mailto:akinsella@sjvermont.catholic.edu.au)

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1D – Amy Darvell - [adarvell@sjvermont.catholic.edu.au](mailto:adarvell@sjvermont.catholic.edu.au)

1J – Siumi Jayawardane - [sjayawardane@sjvermont.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sjayawardane@sjvermont.catholic.edu.au)

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